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STATEMENT ON HOUSING POSITION

"No Quick Solution Likely In Hong Kong"

Still Colony's No. 1 Problem

"Government is deeply conscious of its obligations to the citizens of this Colony in the present prolonged housing crisis. Although the general position may be held to have improved somewhat over the last year, it is more evident now than 12 months ago that no quick solution is more likely here than it is in other parts of the world.

"Housing is, and for the past year has been, this Colony's No. 1 problem. It is hoped that Council will appreciate that the fact that no satisfactory solution has yet been found is not due to lack of effort."

This was the key-note of a reply given by the Colonial Secretary yesterday to a request from Mr. M. K. Lo for a further statement from Government on the question of housing.

Mr. Lo had asked:—

"In regard to the Housing Problem and with reference to the statement which the Honourable the Colonial Secretary made to this Council on November 21st, 1946, has Government any further statement to make, for the information of this Council and of the public, by way of supplementing and bringing the statement of November 21st, 1946, up to date?"

Slow Progress

The Colonial Secretary replied:—

"The indications to which reference was made in paragraph 1 of the reply given on November 21st, 1946, that the community had begun in spite of high prices to repair and rehabilitate have been sustained. In regard to new buildings, however, progress has been disappointing and the needs of the community are far from being met.

"Since October, 1946, the Buildings Ordinance Office has dealt with applications for reinstatement of old buildings and construction of new buildings as follows:—

Month	Total Applications	No. of separate premises covered by applications.
1946		
November	298	471
December	225	352
1947		
January	243	380
February	203	408
March	262	413
April	225	325
May	323	490

World Shortage

"The total of applications made during the seven months November, 1946 to May, 1947, inclusive, is 1,779 as compared with a total of 930 for the five months June to October, 1946. The total number of separate premises covered by applications made during the months November, 1946, to May, 1947, inclusive, is 2,839.

"Although progress in rehabilitation continues at a steady rate the main reason against more rapid progress, in addition to the reluctance on the part of owners to build at present high building costs, is still the world shortage of materials including steel rods and sections, sanitary ware, galvanised piping and glazed tiling. The position in regard to glass and better quality timber has improved considerably. Electrical supplies such as wiring and lamps have also improved but sockets, plugs and small electric motors are still difficult to obtain.

Government Quarters

"The transport situation is satisfactory and there are now sufficient load carrying vehicles available to meet normal demands.

"Public Utility Companies have continued to restore their services to meet the demands resulting from the rehabilitation of residential accommodation. The Government emergency lighting scheme at Mt. Cameron has been discontinued, and electricity is now supplied to this area by the Hong Kong Electric Company.

"All Government Quarters which are capable of repair have, with the exception of one house, been rehabilitated to austerity standards. Work will begin in the near future on the construction of two blocks of flats at Leighton Hill, providing accommodation for 26 families. Plans for a further two large blocks on other selected sites are well advanced. Shortage of staff in the Public Works Department is still a handicap. That Department is still short of 24 senior and 23 subordinate officers in spite of every effort to recruit officers locally and abroad.

The Ultimate Solution

"In view of the increased activity in building operations outlined in paragraph 2, it has not thus far been considered necessary to take action, as envisaged in the previous statement, to ascertain the intentions of owners in regard to destroyed property. The matter has, however, had to be raised again from the point of view of the danger to public health arising from these ruins.

"Wherever possible, Government has during the past eighteen months offered to owners inducements to build new property or to re-build their destroyed property. In this connexion mention may be made of the concessions granted in the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947, in the Inland Revenue Ordinance, 1947, and in regard to the renewal of 75-year Crown Leases.

"The ultimate solution of the housing problem lies, of course, in new building on a scale greater than it has been possible hitherto to attempt either by private enterprise or by Government. In the past year the authorities have examined a number of large-scale building plans proposed either by themselves or suggested for consideration by private individuals or companies.

No Regular Supplies

"In all these schemes at least one common factor has prevented their translation into reality: that is the impossibility of obtaining regular bulk supplies of certain materials which are essential to building. There have of course been other difficulties in plenty, many of them connected with finance.

"Most if not all of these difficulties could probably have been overcome in some fashion had the physical possibility of large-scale new building in fact existed. In view of the grievous housing conditions in which a large part of the community has at present to exist, Government would in the last resort consider becoming itself a landlord on a larger scale, uneconomic as that might be, if it had access to supplies of building materials in sufficient quantity.

"In its search for these Government has so far failed; but the search will continue unabated. In the meantime it will press on with its own not inconsiderable building programme so as

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Soviet Embassy In London Burgled

London, June 19.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, stated in the House of Commons today that a burglary alleged to have taken place on the Soviet Embassy premises on May 23 was not reported to the police until June 9.

"It is quite clear that any effort to trace a burgary that had occurred on May 23 is very difficult, if it is not reported until June 9," he added.

The Soviet Embassy, he said, had recently stated that the two flats occupied respectively by the First Secretary of the Embassy and a member of the Soviet Embassy school at Hampstead had been broken into. "Only one of these instances had been reported to the police at the time of its occurence," he added.

Mr. L.D. Gammans, Conservative, asked if he could assume "that the reports in the Russian press and Pravda that there had been seven burglaries are incorrect and have any requests been made by the Soviet Embassy for special protection of their premises?"

The Home Secretary replied: "Only three burglaries, alleged to have occured on the premises occupied by Soviet officials or used for their purposes have been reported to my department."

The fact that burglaries were not reported to the police immediately was one of the difficulties that confronted him in this matter, he added.

He said that as far as he was aware, no special application had been made by the Soviet Embassy for extra protection of their premises.—Reuter.

Irgun Voice Choked Off

Jerusalem, June 19.

The police reported today that they had choked off the secret radio voice of Irgun Zvai Leumi which for months had boasted of its violence campaign — and often forewarned the police of impending attacks.

The announcement said police seized a transmitting machine found in a taxi in Tel-Aviv on Wednesday and believed it was the equipment which Irgunists used for broadcasting every Sunday and Wednesday.

Listeners recalled most broadcasts were accompanied by noises apparently from a travelling vehicle.—United Press.

Lille, June 19.

Six Frenchmen sentenced to death by the Lille Treason Court for having handed over French patriots to the Germans were executed by a firing squad today.—Reuter.

British Traders For Japan

Tokyo, June 19.

Forty traders from the British Isles and 16 from Australia, are allotted under SCAP to buy goods in Japan when the foreign trade begins on August 15.

Japan today is not a rich market waiting for exploitation, but an almost desolated island with little to offer. Experts here point out, however, that traders must be prepared to conduct as little actual buying and selling business for many months if the British Empire is to have any hope of retaining even a small share of Japan's world trade.

The principal prewar exports from Japan to the United Kingdom, and Australia were raw silk, rayon tissues, cotton yarns, potteries, porcelains, iron manufactures, paper, bottled and canned goods, knitted goods, glass, toys, lamps and accessories, buttons, and whale oils. Few of these commodities are available today.

Silk will continue to be handled on a governmental level after August 15.

The rayon industry has made a good comeback, but Australia's purchases before the war were valued at little more than £1,000 annually, while Britain's were considerably less. Of the other items all but potteries, porcelains, toys, buttons and whale oil are not available. Moreover, these may be obtained only in limited quantities, and are often inferior in quality.—Reuter.

MOSCOW FANTASY

London, June 19.

The Soviet News Agency Tass reported that the Chinese Government soon will form volunteer "military detachments, composed chiefly of American-demobilised men of the US Marine Corps and other American units, which have been in China."

Quoting "information from well-informed sources and particularly from journalistic circles," a Tass dispatch from Shanghai, transmitted by Moscow Radio, said the "future volunteers are being promised high wages in foreign currency."—Associated Press.

Partial Settlement Of Ship Strike

New York, June 19.

Negotiators for the striking CIO seamen on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts early today accepted a five per cent wage increase offer to end the crippling three-day old maritime sitdown, but the West Coast phase of the tieup remained unsettled.

President Joseph Curran of the CIO National Maritime Union said the East and Gulf coasts phase of the sitdown would end if union members ratified the settlement at meetings set for 2 p.m. EDT today.

Assistant Secretary of Labour John Gibson said both shipowners and negotiators for CIO unions had agreed to the government suggestion that the unprecedented sitdown end and that workers be given a one-year contract extension and overtime pay for nine holidays yearly in addition to a wage boost.

The Union had demanded a 20 per cent boost and a six-week annual vacation.—United Press.

Clipper Crash: 12 Dead

Istanbul, June 19.

A Pan-American clipper flying from Karachi to Istanbul crashed near the eastern Syrian community of Meyading early today, killing at least 12 persons.

Three were reported seriously injured and seven slightly injured.

The crash was reported as another Pan-American Constellation carrying a group of American newspaper executives on a world flight arrived here from London on a stopover.

The "newsmen" plane was not involved in the crash.

An official said the Constellation "Eclipse" plowed into the flat Syrian soil along the Euphrates River. Istanbul was its fifth scheduled stop on a flight to New York.—Associated Press.

RADIOLOGIST DEAD

London, June 18.

Dr. F. H. Humphris, the distinguished radiologist, died at Bath, Somerset yesterday at the age of 81.—Reuter.

IKE RESIGNS

New York, June 19.

General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower has tendered his resignation to President Truman and will become President of Columbia University, New York City, next autumn, the columnist Walter Winchell stated in a copyright story in today's New York Mirror.

No confirmation of the report could be obtained in Washington or at Columbia University today.—Reuter.

"CAROLE" HEADS NORTH

Manila, June 19.

Carole, the name which US Army weathermen have bestowed on one of the season's first Pacific typhoons, apparently has definitely decided to leave the Philippines alone but was heading for Okinawa.

The Navy Weather Centre, who scorn to give names to typhoons in such manner, located the storm at 1400 (MT)—0600 GMT at 15 degrees, 03 North; 127 degrees, 02 East. Winds of 65 knots were reported in the centre.—Associated Press.

Japan Looking For Loans

Tokyo, June 19.

Premier Tetsu Katayama hinted that he would renew Japan's quest for foreign loans to aid in economic rehabilitation. He would not say whether the Japanese Government was preparing a request for loans.

But he remarked: "It is doubtful if Japan can be restored economically without the help of foreign countries."

A demand for loans was made in the House of Representatives here several months ago. Government officials and businessmen have stressed the importance of such aid.

Premier Katayama said frankly that the future of his cabinet depended upon the willingness of labourers and farmers to help force economic controls as a means of solving shortages of necessities and inflation.

"I m confident we can overcome the present economic crisis with public support," he said.

It was the first time a Japanese premier has acknowledged that the public has the power to determine the length of time his government holds power.—Associated Press.

New Economic Plan For China

Nanking, June 19.

Premier Chang Chun's new economic plan, which reliable sources said will tighten up Government's control of foreign exchange and the gold market and institute a new system of encouraging exports, will be discussed by the State Council tomorrow.

The plan, which Premier Chang described as a "fundamental full-round permanent" cure for China's economic problems, is mainly based on the economic resolution adopted by the Kuomintang's Central Executive Committee's last sessions.

Gen Chang's plan differed from the CEC proposal in that it asks the tightening up of government's control of foreign exchange and the gold market, to provide export-import control, which means an exporter will be allowed to employ foreign exchange he obtains for his exports to buy merchandise abroad for importing into China, and to restrict the field of government enterprises to the following:

(1) National defence industries such as ordnance, petroleum, steel and iron and certain kinds of chemical industries;

(2) Monopolistic enterprises such as railway and postal and telegraphic communications;

(3) Enterprises which are non-profit making but necessary to national reconstruction.

The plan's preamble explained the measures were based on Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Three Principles, especially his theory of the socialisation of capital. The preamble also explained that the gravity of the present economic situation called for drastic measures.—United Press.

Trouble In Tibet

New Delhi, June 19.

A special correspondent of the Indian newspaper, "The Statesman," said that Tibetan Government forces had put down attempts by supporters of the former regent, Jachen, to seize power last April, after an attempt on the life of the present Regent Dala, when a curious servant opened a parcel intended for Dala and was killed when a bomb inside it exploded.

In the ensuing disturbances, Jachen was arrested and died in prison. Two other leaders of the reported revolt were sentenced to receive 250 lashes and to be imprisoned for life, the story continued.

However, Dala reprieved them from additional punishment by having their eyes put out.—Associated Press.

LAST OF THE MARINES

Tientsin, June 19.

The last group of 900 Marines reached Tangku today and was scheduled to board the Navy transport, USS Reville, sailing for the United States tonight.

Two other groups, totalling 1,700, sailed by the USS Skagit and USS Pickaway, leaving a handful of marines in Tientsin.—United Press.

WORSE THAN PORT SAID

Panama City, June 18.

The Government is considering the elimination of the infamous "red light districts" in Colon and Panama City, which have been maintained since French construction days.

A Health Department spokesman said maintenance of the districts contributed nothing to curbing venereal disease despite medical control.

The Panama and Colon districts have long been the filthiest in the world, not excepting Port Said.—United Press.

Net Closes In On Killer

Tokyo, June 19.

The identity of the killer of the American subject, Miss Brocha Ivova, a War Department employee, who was murdered in Tokyo 11 days ago, may be known within the next 72 hours.

Identification and arrest of the murderer will depend upon reconstruction of the killer's face by two artists, both working independently of each other, on descriptions furnished by two persons.

Both persons, one of whom the killer tried to run down in his jeep as he fled from the murder scene, have mental "photographs" of the slayer.—Reuter.

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FLOODS PANIC IN CANTON

Canton, June 19.

Portions of Canton are under one foot of water following the reported bursting of the Shekkok diversionary dam, where the North River waters are still rising.

Many refugees are fleeing to Canton from outlying areas, some of which were flooded with a depth of 10 to 15 feet.

A CNRRA air survey on Tuesday disclosed widespread damage throughout the East River as well as enormous damage along the West and North Rivers in South Kwangtung.

Gen. Chennault's Air Transport Group, using nine planes, is scheduled to "airdrop" rice, bread and biscuits on Wuiyeung, Tungkoon, Tsengsing, Poklo, Namhoi, Samshui and Koylu, all of which are in the vicinity of Canton.

Fled To Hills

Five water towns are also scheduled to carry 500 tons of supplies into the worst stricken areas. Residents of these areas fled to the hills where they were without food for several days and stricken with numerous diseases.

The Kwangtung Emergency Flood Relief Association has cabled the Executive Yuan asking for a relief fund of CN$. 10,000,000,000 urgently. An estimated 1,000,000 acres of farmland are flooded throughout the province and it is still raining.—United Press.

Panic In Canton

Canton, June 19.

Panic has gripped the population of this great South China city as rumours began circulating today that the main dykes in the province had collapsed under the recent floods.

Authorities here have as yet not been able to confirm the rumours.

Preparations are being made for a general evacuation of the city, and merchants are especially keen to dispose of their goods before leaving for safer places.

The Honam district, south of the city across the Pearl River, is already submerged by floods. It is feared that the city's electrical supply may be cut off shortly if the flood continues to rise tonight. In the Saikwan residential district, all houses are under two to three feet of water.

As the waters continue to rise, commodity prices also began soaring. The price of rice has jumped to CN$200,000 per picul and fuel to CN$28,000.—Central News.

V.D. WARNING OBJECTION

Washington, June 18.

The U.S. War Department has promised a thorough investigation and public reply to a protest from catholic war veterans against the public distribution of surplus matchbooks warning against venereal disease.—United Press.

Industrial Court In Singapore

Singapore, June 18.

The Federation of Trade Unions, which controls the majority of the city's 150 trade unions, was today registered by the Registrar of Trade Unions. After its rejection last month, it is the first federation to be registered in Malaya.

Mr. R. P. Bingham, Singapore Commissioner for Labour, today announced the setting up of an industrial court to arbitrate industrial disputes to help avert strikes.

The court will be composed of equal numbers of employers, employees and independents.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

A weak anticyclone covers Japan, with a ridge of moderately high pressure extending to SE. China. Pressure is low over SW China and Tonkin. The Pacific depression is centred about 400 miles E of Manila moving NNW at 16 knots. The China Sea depression appears to be situated about 250 miles SSE of the Paracels; movement unknown.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate E or variable winds; partly cloudy, with occasional rain at first; warmer.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 86.6 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 74.1 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 1.3 hours.
Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1— 798.6 mm. as against an average of 815.1 mm.

	Readings at 10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l.	1007.8	1007.1 m.b.
Equiva	29.76	29.74 inches.
Rel. Humidity	86	87 %
Dew Point	73	75 deg. F.
Wind Direction	ENE	NE
Wind Force	19	17 knots.

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Coming Events

June 26—Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co. Ltd. annual meeting, 11 a.m.
June 26—Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922) Ltd., annual meeting, noon.
June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd., annual general meeting noon.
June 28—H.K. Rope Mfg. Co. Ltd., annual meeting, noon.
July 3—Lane Crawford Ltd., general meeting of Shareholders, noon.
July 11—Peak Tramways annual meeting, noon.

First Case Of Its Kind

Described as the first case of its kind to be heard in the Kowloon Courts, Tack Kee, agent for Leung Yut-sin of 235 Shanghai Street, was fined a nominal sum of $25 by Mr. W. H. Latimer for failing to comply with a notice of conviction served on him in respect of 219 Reclamation Street, first floor.

A raid was conducted on 219 Reclamation Street, ground floor, on May 14 last, said DSI W.G. Morrison, as the result of which one Fong Yui was convicted by Mr. Latimer on the charge of keeping an opium divan. A notice of the conviction was applied for by Inspector Orem, and served on the landlord and, or his agent on May 22.

The premises were again raided a week later when the same person, Fong Yui, was found keeping an opium divan. He was convicted and sentenced on the following day.

An Order of Eviction was applied for by the agent of the landlord on June 6, before the present summons was served. The tenants were evicted by the Police on June 14.

Pleading guilty to the offence, Tack Kee said that the tenants had been requested time and again to move out but refused to do so. The assistance of the Court and the Police was then sought.

As the defendant had done everything within his power to comply with the notice, said his Worship, he would only impose a nominal fine of $25.

CHINESE DOCTORS MEETING

The First General Meeting of Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association, with the Presidential Dinner, will be held at the Catholic Club, 6 Queen's Road Central, 3rd floor, on Friday, June 20, 1947 at 7 p.m.

SHANGHAI CONFERENCE
Not Yet Down To Brass Tacks

Magistrate Comments On Police

The non-attendance of the prosecuting Police officer, due to his "being engaged in the Tai Po Court on a more important case," was commented upon by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesday.

When the summons against Lau Ying, a Chinese woman, of 18 Tai Cheung Street, first floor, Un Long, for keeping an unlicensed boarding house at 13 Tai Fung Street, ground floor, Un Long, on June 6, was called, a Chinese Sub-Inspector informed His Worship that S I Blackbourne was engaged in the Tai Po Court on "a more important case and has instructed me to ask for one week's remand."

On the defendant's pleading guilty to the summons, His Worship asked the Sub-Inspector whether he could furnish the Court with some particulars of the offence. The reply was that Blackbourne was in charge of the case and his representative knew nothing about it.

"You people should know all about it. You have had enough time. I don't care where the officer is but if he knew he could not attend this Court he should have given you the facts of this case," said His Worship, who added "It is not fair to have this woman coming out all the way from Un Long to no purpose."

In reply to His Worship, defendant said that she had applied for a licence after summons were taken out.

"We will give her a couple of weeks to get a licence. If she has not got one by then we shall proceed with the case. Will you see why she should not get a licence?" declared Mr. Latimer prior to adjourning the hearing until July 3.

Four alleged gunmen were, on the application of SI Collins, remanded for 48 hours by Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday when they appeared before His Worship on separate charges of possession of arms and ammunition at Tai Mui, Tin Ha Village, on June 18.

Delegate Appeals For Action

Shanghai, June 19.

ECAFE sank back into quicksand of procedural discussion today. Yesterday's attempt to get down to the work assigned — gathering information for Economic Commission Social Council—was determined but shortlived.

An apparent lack of clarity in the constitution regarding the Commission's powers and functions continued to be the cause of disagreement among the delegates.

India's R. K. Nehru wanted to know exactly what information came within the sphere of the Commission, "since the report of the working group says" sufficient material is now available to the Economic Commissions Social Council.

Russia pointed out questionnaires to the governments concerned already had been sent from New York and feared duplication.

The United Kingdom proposed — and India strenuously opposed—gathering limited information on transport facilities and distribution and production of coal.

Russia wanted to organise field teams, which the United States and Australia thought premature.

The Philippines Miguel Cuaderno interjected an emotional appeal for action "here and now."

He said "while we are putting off the actual work of the Commission, the people in the devastated areas are in dire need of food and clothing, and continue to suffer."

Cuaderno requested presentation of whatever information each delegation has at its disposal "so some tangible action can be taken immediately."

When Chairman T. F. Tsiang's gavel brought an end to another profitless session there was no indication when the delegates would turn from talk to action. — Associated Press.

Growing Agreement

Shanghai, June 19.

The UNO Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) today began to break up into committees and sub-committees and — as Russia's Alexander Statsenko wrily put it — "sub-sub-committees."

Ostensibly, the aim was to facilitate simultaneous discussions of various topics and thus save time.

By the end of another day's session, the ECAFE had not yet come down to brass tacks. But a final unanimous vote to refer a British proposal for gathering limited data to a sub-committee, indicated growing agreement among the delegates on the aims of the commission.

Minor Storm

Russia and India dropped earlier strenuous opposition to Sir Andrew Clow's proposal on the ground it was "too narrow" when Clow pointed out the resolution left room for additional suggestions and was only an attempt to revert "from the abstract to the concrete."

A minor storm in the ECAFE cup developed when Vice-Chairman Miguel Cuaderno of the Philippines, who presided at this afternoon's session, tried to push through Clow's proposal without permitting discussion from the top floor. Following a protest from Russia and suggestions from India, Britain and America, Cuaderno effected a diplomatic retreat and permitted prior discussion.—Associated Press.

Plea For Speed

Shanghai, June 19.

An eloquent plea for speed was made by India's chief delegate.

In this connection, he recommended that the Secretariat of ECAFE should immediately contact the European Economic Commission to find out the exact procedure and working methods of the European body.

Much of today was again spent by delegations in wrangling over technicalities involved in various proposals submitted, including one by the United Kingdom representative, Sir Andrew Clow, that questionnaires be sent to member governments regarding the transport of coal and administrative personnel in order to facilitate the mapping out of relief measures.

Disagreeing with the British proposal, Soviet Russia's Alexander Statsenko said that ECAFE should consider concrete measures and should "establish or initiate" two or three field teams to gather information to be reported to the next ECAFE meeting.

Needy China

In appealing for "speedy results," Mr. Nehru, who also opposed the British motion, said: "Anyone who has read the very valuable report of the working group will realise how important it is that the work of reconstruction should commence without delay throughout Asia and the Far East.

"In certain countries the need is greater than in others, for instance, in China the need for immediate measures is perhaps greater than in mine.

"But we are both Asians and the great leaders of my country have taught us to regard the sufferings of any Asian country as our own. We are anxious, therefore, that any investigation of the preliminary work which must be carried out, should be carried out as speedily as possible."

Mr. Nehru added: "We don't want to become a super research organisation and set ourselves tasks of an academic character and it is for this reason that in forming our own programme of future studies, we should as far as possible profit by the experience of the European Commission and keep the practical character of our task and urgency of the problem in our mind."

A similar plea for immediate action was made by mild, soft-speaking Miguel Cuaderno, the Philippines representative, who pointed to the "sufferings" of the peoples in Asia and the Far East. He said that their need now is food and clothing.—Reuter.

POLICE OFFICER TO WED

It was learned yesterday that the marriage between Miss Joan Tatnall, who arrived in the Colony by the "Empress of Scotland" on June 16, and William George Morrison, Sub-Inspector attached to the Yaumati CID, will be solemnised in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on June 28.

OPIUM CASES

Of the 14 smokers arrested by SI Andrews in two opium divan raids on June 18, three were fined $15 each, six absentees forfeited their bail of $25 each, and five detainees fined $10 each.

Chin Yim, alleged keeper of a divan at 503 Shanghai Street, first floor, and Tang Fuk, accused of keeping a divan at 114 Tung Choi Street, ground floor, were, on the application of SI Walter Collins, remanded 24 hours by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Renewal Of Crown Leases

Formal approval has already been given in two cases for the renewal of 75-year Crown Leases, the Colonial Secretary told the Legislative Council yesterday, in reply to a question by Mr. M. K. Lo.

Mr. Lo had asked:—

"Since the announcement, as published in the press on June 16th, 1946, of Government's policy in regard to the renewal of 75-years Crown Leases, which do not contain any right of renewal—(a) How many applications have been received by Government for the renewal of such Crown Leases? and (b) How many of such applications have been granted?"

The Colonial Secretary replied:—

"Eighty applications for the renewal of 75-year Crown Leases have been received by the Director of Public Works and are being dealt with. In 40 cases the applicant has been advised of the terms on which renewal of the lease will be recommended to Government. Eighteen of these applicants have so far accepted the terms proposed and their applications will be granted.

"Formal approval for renewal has already been given in two cases."

H.K.V.D.C. Orders

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel H. Owen-Hughes, Acting Commandant, H.K.V.D. Corps. Order No. 21/47 dated 19/6/47:—

War Memorial Fund: The attention of all concerned is directed to the existence of the War Memorial Fund. So far as the H.K.V.D.C. is concerned, this fund in general is designed to assist widows and children of Volunteers who lost their lives or were incapacitated due to their war service or experiences as prisoners-of-war. To ensure uniformity of application, it has been decided that all claims from Volunteer dependents should be submitted through the Adjutant, direct to the Committee. Widows and children who consider that they have a claim should communicate with the Adjutant without delay. It is emphasised that dependents, other than widows and children have no claim on the fund and should not apply.

Ceremony in Honour of Canadian War Dead, Saiwan Hill Cemetery, July 1, 1947: The Corps will provide a ceremonial party of 12 other ranks who will be under the command of R.S.M. R. J. Everest, M.B.E. Details of times of practice parades, fitting of uniform etc. will be notified to the selected other ranks later.

Hong Kong Services Rifle Association: There will be no practice shoots this weekend owing to repairs being carried out to the Stonecutters Rifle Range.

Part 2 Orders, Order No. 21/47: Strength decreased: 2504 Pte. Leonard, S.L., A.S.C. Company, w.e.f. 19/6/47; 3830 Sgt. Tuck, E., A.S.C. Company, w.e.f. 19/6/47.

(Sgd.) J. WESTON, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

Three travelling traders, including a married woman, was fined $3 per letter when they pleaded guilty before Mr. Latimer to the charge of conveying letters into the Colony.

CHANGING MAP NAMES

Korea, June 19.

The names of all the cities, towns, provinces, and rivers appearing on maps of South Korea, are being changed from Japanese to Korean.

Chosen, therefore now officially becomes Korea, and Keijo becomes Seoul.—Reuter.

Donations Not To Be Deducted

Government is not prepared to depart from the "general rule" and allow donations to the War Memorial Fund to be deducted from salaries or profits before arriving at the net chargeable income, or profit, assessable to tax under the Inland Revenue Ordinance.

This announcement was made by the Colonial Secretary at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, in reply to a question to this effect by Mr. R. D. Gillespie.

In asking his question, Mr. Gillespie had said it was felt "that if this could be done, it would considerably encourage donations to this very deserving cause."

In reply, the Colonial Secretary said:—

"The proposal has already been carefully considered by Government and by the special committee appointed to report on the Inland Revenue Bill. It is not the practice in the United Kingdom or in other Colonies to allow charitable donations or donations to funds such as the War Memorial Fund as a charge against profits or income, the only exception to this rule being an annual donation to a hospital at which the employees of the donor are entitled to free treatment or reduced rates.

"Government therefore regrets that it is not prepared to depart from this general rule in the case of the War Memorial Fund.

"Government is already contributing to the Fund on a dollar for dollar basis and if the suggestion of the Honourable Member were adopted it would mean that more than 50 per cent of future sums accruing to the Fund would be found by the taxpayer."

Police Reserve Orders

Training Part II: Lectures in Police Regulations will be held at the Headquarters every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 17.30 hours. Members of N. 3 Company and those detailed from No. 1 and 2 Company are to attend these lectures as ordered without fail. Another class will commence on Monday, June 23, 1947, at 5.30 p.m. for new recruits. New members are ordered to report at the Headquarters on that day for their training.

Band Practice: Band practice under Mr. W. P. Apps (Bandmaster) will be held at the HKP(R) Headquarters every Wednesday and Sunday at 18.00 hours and 11.00 hours respectively as ordered.

Charge Room Duties: Members of No. 1 Company will parade for Charge Room Duty as detailed by the O.C. No. 1 Company. Dress: Khaki shirts and shorts; Whistle and Lanyard; Cap; Belt; Hose tops; Anklets and boots.

Identification Cards: Members who have not yet handed in their photos for the issue of identification cards are requested to do so at once.

Resignations: The resignations of the following members have been approved: P.C.R. 25 (No. 1 Company) Chong Shiu Ki, P.C.R. 146 (No. 2 Company) Law Shek Kwan, P.C.R. 175 (No. 2 Company) Cheung Wing Tat; and in their places the following members have been posted: Wong Pi Yin (P.C.R. 25), Lo Ka Hing (P.C.R. 146), Lee Shing Kwong (P.C.R. 175).

By Order,
(Sgd.) N. G. HOLPH,
Adjutant, P.R.

June 19, 1947.

GRAVE CHARGE

A 22-year-old shop foki, Yiu Yuk-chun, was committed to trial at the Sessions by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday on a charge of unlawfully having carnal knowledge of an eight-year-old girl at 26 Hing Man Street, ground floor, on April 20.

Blasting In Kowloon: Inquest Verdict

The recommendation that "the PWD consider altering the face of this quarry to prevent a repetition of such an accident as this," was made by a Coroner's jury in Mr. W. H. Latimer's Court yesterday at the conclusion of an inquiry into the death of Chan Choi-kan, married woman, on May 22.

Before returning a verdict of "Accidental death", the jury agreed with the Coroner that all necessary precautions had been taken by Mr. H. Hall and the foremen of the quarry. They expressed the opinion that "if another face were worked there would not be the same danger to pedestrians on Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wai Road, and to the block of flats between these roads and the quarry."

Appearing for the Police, DSI H. T. Matches stated that at about 12.30 p.m. on May 22, he was called to Chatham Road opposite the Hok Un PWD quarry. On arrival, he saw a Chinese woman lying on the pavement, half on her back and half on her right side. She was dead, and had a big wound on her forehead.

486 Feet Away

Lying in a pool of blood on deceased's right hand side were two fragments of rocks, which he picked up. The distance from where deceased was lying to the blasting site was 486 feet, while the distance from her body to the wall of the quarry was 193 feet.

Expert evidence was given by Mr. H. Hall, manager of the quarry, as to the precautions taken before, during, and after blasting. Witness said that blastings invariably commenced between 12 noon and 12.30 p.m., when the quarry was free from workmen.

Gongs were sounded by two men carrying red flags from five minutes before until five minutes after the blasting. Notice boards, in English and Chinese, were posted at the ends of Shansi and Kiangsi Streets to warn pedestrians. The beatings on the gongs became more urgent and louder during the actual blasting, said witness.

The Regulations

All the holes drilled for blasting, continued Mr. Hall, were covered with damp gunny bags, perforated iron sheets and earth in order to diminish the force of flying fragments.

When the jury recommended that gongs should be sounded ten minutes before actual blasting operations, DSI Matches pointed out that all blasting (whether in Government or private quarries) is governed by regulations which stipulate that the time should be five minutes.

Revenge Trick That Failed

A 30-year-old unemployed Chinese who intended to get his friend into trouble landed himself in jail for 12 months instead.

He was Man Tak-leung, who was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday for the possession of 110 rounds of automatic pistol ammunition and for giving false information to the police on June 16.

DSI Bentley said defendant made a report to the police claiming that he knew a man at an unnumbered hut in Staunton Street who was in possession of the ammunition.

Defendant took the Inspector to the hut and "discovered" the ammunition underneath a bed. The police waited and arrested his friend, Wong So, who was alleged by defendant to be the owner of the ammunition.

Wong denied this. Defendant eventually broke down and told the police that he had tried to get his revenge on Wong.

NEW DESTROYER FOR B.P.F.

H.M.S. "Comus" (Lieutenant-Commander P. S. Evans) arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday to join the British Pacific Fleet as a unit of the 8th Destroyer Flotilla.

She left the United Kingdom recently and en route was directed to Jesselton to take part in the celebrations connected with the King's birthday.

SISTERS FAILED TO APPEAR

Two sisters, Mui Ho and Mui Lam, had their bail of $25 each estreated by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when they failed to appear in Court to answer the charge of evading payment of bus fare on bus No. 4234 at Nathan Road on June 16.

Readers' Letters

A Bad Spot

Sir,—During the past few weeks much good work has been accomplished by the local authorities in ridding the Colony of illegal trading etc. by unlicensed hawkers and a distinct decrease in same has been noticed, but there is still one very bad spot which has been overlooked and that is the stretch of pavement running outside the Union Jack Club, Hong Kong.

From early morning until late at night, any person entering or leaving the Club is besieged by numerous hawkers who give the usual raucous shouts of, "You Buy," "How Much You Pay," "Cumshaw" etc. especially by the many makers of cigarettes which bear the headings of Gold Flake, Woodbines, and Players, and the same person is also liable to slip up on one of the many patches of spittle that the same hawkers make all over the sidewalk; one thing more is noticeable in this spot and that is that these hawkers can often be seen using the walls of the Club as a public convenience.

If the rest of the Colony is worth cleaning up why not also clean up this spot at the same time, or perhaps it is not worth the trouble.

"CHOKKER".

Trade With Japan

Sir,—Your correspondent M.K. Lonn did well to raise the question of the resumption of private trade with Japan, about which there has been such a flurry of excitement among local importers.

There is another angle to it apart from war-time, collaborators now enriching themselves still further by importing Japanese goods, and that is the flooding of the world markets with shoddy Japanese products.

We experienced this state of affairs once—with its consequent tragic effect on Lancashire—are we to experience it again?

It is not a pleasant thought that this obnoxious race will once more have its representatives among us, trading and undercutting our home industries.

The memories of some people seem short. The arrogant and cruel behaviour of the Japanese race during the war years should draw its own reward. Could Japan not be transformed into an agricultural country and thus be cut off from intercourse from a world in which there are still honest men who have not forgotten?

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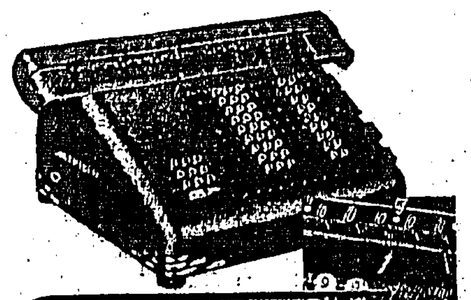

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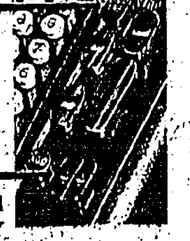

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Political Police Forces Opposed By Britain

Mr. McNeil's Statement In House Of Commons; Discussion On Hungary

"With Or Without Collaboration"

London, June 18.

The Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeil, told the House of Commons today that, with or without the collaboration of the other great powers, Britain would oppose political police forces in Europe.

Mr. McNeil made the statement during a brief question period in the discussion of Britain's efforts to obtain information about the Hungarian crisis from Russia.

Mr. A. R. Blackburn (Lab) said the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, had added insult to injury by rejecting Britain's first request for information and then accusing this country of meddling in Hungary's internal affairs.

Amid mixed cheers and jeers, Mr. Blackburn asked if it were known to the Soviet Union that "continuation of this policy on their part will lead us to collaborate with America and other peace-loving nations in order to halt the advance of the police state across Europe?"

Mr. McNeil replied: "His Majesty's Government have already made it plain repeatedly that, with or without collaboration, we will oppose political forces in Europe or elsewhere."

Yalta

Mr. Cecil Poole (Lab) called attention to the Yalta agreement and wanted to know whether Mr. McNeil would agree that it was impossible for the Allies to reach any measure of international understanding if any of the powers refused to adhere to it.

"We have already made it plain," Mr. McNeil said, "that we are anxious that there should be international collaboration, particularly when such collaboration has been precisely defined and provided for."

He declined to make a further statement on Hungary pending the result of British Ambassador Sir Maurice Peterson's second approach to Molotov.— United Press.

No Fact-Finders

London, June 18.

Mr. McNeil said that the British Government had rejected as not possible the despatch of a fact-finding mission to Hungary and Southeast Europe. He also said that Britain did not consider it "appropriate" on the basis of what was known of the incident to refer the issue in Hungary to the United Nations.

Replying to another question Mr. McNeil emphasised that the British Government had made it plain that it was anxious for international collaboration, particularly when defined precisely and provided for especially, as in the case of the documents of the Allied Control Commission in Hungary, which the Soviet chairman should have made available to the other representatives.

Mr. William Gallacher, one of the two Communist Members in the House, asked: "Is it not a fact that M. Molotov did not insult the British Ambassador, but informed him that he would get all the facts he wanted at the open and public trial that is taking place in Hungary?"—Reuter.

Tribute To Britain's Stand

London, June 19.

Mrs. Ethel Haskins Beebe, of Boston, Massachusetts, willed $20,000 to Britain for its "courageous stand alone" against Hitler early in the war.

Mrs. Beebe died in Montreux, Switzerland, last November 5. She left an estate in England valued at £38,734.

Her will, disposing estates in England and America, was filed for probate in London. The value of her American assets is not known.

She specified that the British Government should use her bequest for the "assistance and relief of needy members of former members of the British Merchant Service and their dependents".—Associated Press.

Mass Murder In Saxon Bedlam

Berlin, June 18.

Seventy-year-old Professor Karl Nitsche and six other doctors, including one woman, were on trial before the German court in Dresden in the Soviet Zone today, charged with the murder of 15,000 insane persons in an asylum in Saxony. A number of male and female nurses were also in the dock.

The victims were killed either by gassing or through overdoses of "sedatives."

The court heard the story of three male nurses who fetched hundreds of persons to the asylum, presented them to the doctors for examination and finally escorted them to gas chambers.

The nurses received money presents for "faithful" service "from Hitler's Chancellery and were commended for "excellent cooperation."

Professor Nitsche was said to have been associated with the department for gassing in the asylum since 1940. The trials are expected to last 14 days.—Reuter.

BIG THREE POWER CONFAB?

Paris, June 18.

A communique issued by the French Foreign Office announced that M. Bidault, French Foreign Minister, and Mr. Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, have decided to propose to M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, a meeting of the British, French and Russian Foreign Ministers next week.—Reuter.

Princess Has A New Suitor!

London, June 19.

Albert E. Lange, 36-year-old engineer of North Arlington, New Jersey, stepped from a Pan American Airways clipper at London airport Wednesday and stated firmly to reporters: "I am here to marry Princess Elizabeth."

Immigration officials doubted this greatly, however, and ordered him taken back to the United States. They declined to comment on the case.

British Overseas Airway Corporation security officers detained him at the airport during the afternoon and escorted him on aboard the clipper until it took off for America.

Lange told reporters: "I have wanted to marry Princess Elizabeth ever since she was five years old. I have been seeing her in a mist in my dreams."—Associated Press.

Woman P.R.O. For Queen, Princesses?

London, June 19.

Queen Elizabeth and the two Princesses may soon have their own special press officer — probably a woman.

Reporters—particularly women "feature writers—have found it increasingly difficult to get human interest stories about the Royal ladies although public interest in them—particularly in Princess Elizabeth since the rumours of her engagement — has increased all over the world.

Up to now, the only source has been a tight lipped ex-Naval officer with an understandable male ignorance of anything to do with feminine finery.

Last December, the Women's Press Club of London wrote to the King's Secretary asking for appointment of a woman press officer "to deal with the women's angle of news from Buckingham Palace."

Fleet Street, remembering the Queen's unfailing patience with photographers, looks for a favourable reply soon.—Associated Press.

London, June 18.

The Vienna State Opera Company will present a season of opera at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, between September 16 and October 4. The operas to be performed are: "Fidelio," "Don Giovanni," "Salome", and "Figaro."—Reuter.

Far East Food To Help Europe?

Washington, June 18.

The Undersecretary of State, Mr. William Clayton, who looms larger daily in General Marshall's plan for European rehabilitation, has indicated that the United States expects Asia to contribute her share to feeding hungry Europe.

In an hour-long press conference devoted almost solely to the Marshall suggestions for European countries who have been invited to set up a programme for helping themselves with United States economic assistance, Mr. Clayton made two main points:—

Firstly, the Soviet Union as a former exporter of foods and fuel should be able to help solve European economic difficulties—especially with aid to countries along the Russian borders.

Secondly, the State Department has reports of excellent grain crops in Russia this year.

Mr Clayton emphasized, however, that the plan does not as yet exist in concrete form and that any fitted formulation must be left to the European countries themselves.

The Undersecretary said he was returning to the International Trade Conference in Geneva by way of London and expected to do a great deal of listening but no discussions on the Marshall plan.

He endorsed Senate President Vandenberg's proposal that a special bipartisan Council be established to determine how much the United States could give the remainder of the world, adding that data about foreign needs could best be supplied by the foreign nations themselves and by United States Embassies.

London Talks

He said that while in London he hoped to confer with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Sir Stafford Cripps and other officials, and while he did not plan specifically to discuss reported British import restrictions he said he understood such was not permissible under the Anglo-American loan agreement.

He added that if the British should adopt import restrictions they should be on a commercial rather than political grounds. He said the wartime expression of Lend-Lease was not applicable to the Marshall plan.—United Press.

Russians Given U.S. Printing Plates

Washington, June 18.

A Senate Committee was told today that the former Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., ordered the transfer to Russia of printing plates from which the Soviets poured an undisclosed amount of occupation marks into Germany.

The Committee chairman, Senator Styles Bridges, said Morgenthau might be subpoenaed, "together with his papers," to testify on currency transactions in Germany, which some Senators say have cost United States taxpayers over US$400,000,000.

Joseph J. O'Connel, of the Treasury, told the Committee Morgenthau ordered the transfer of plans, special printers' ink and other supplies on April 18, 1944, when he was still Secretary.

The previous day's testimony before the Committee drew the admission from the Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Howard Peterson, that the armed forces spent US$380,000,000 more than they should have to redeem occupation currencies.

He said US$220,000,000 were already recovered by the expediency of such currency to pay bills in occupied areas.

The remaining amount, consisting of US$60,000,000 in Japanese yen and US$160,000,000 in German marks would be liquidated by the same process in 1948.—United Press.

ANGLO-FRENCH VIEWS COINCIDE

Paris, June 18.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, were holding their second restricted meeting of the day tonight to consider the findings of the Expert Committee, which has been discussing the Marshall Plan for aid to Europe.

Unofficial but reliable estimates tonight were that Mr. Bevin would return to London by air tomorrow morning, indicating that complete agreement between Britain and France was near at hand.

Information available of last night's after dinner talks between the two Foreign Ministers and M. Ramadier, Prime Minister, indicated that the British and French views on the best methods of producing a quick balance sheet of Europe's needs and her potential for self-help by a rational exchange of her own resources were broadly identical.

The dominant political question forming the background to the Anglo-French discussions is: what will Russia's reply be to the Anglo-French invitation to join in?

Russia obviously qualifies as a sponsoring power under the Marshall definition of Europe as "everything west of Asia," as well as by her preponderant economic influence throughout eastern Europe.

Two Difficulties

Observers here foresee two practical difficulties:

Firstly, that Russia by avoiding a clearcut answer may hold up the production of a plan until it is too late for American Congress to take action on it this year.

Secondly, that in the event of Russia herself refusing to associate herself with the Marshall Plan she might instruct her smaller neighbours in eastern Europe to become members of the planning board with a view to defeating or nullifying its work.

It has been reported in Paris that the representatives of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia have made soundings at the expert level in French official circles on the Marshall project. Some observers interpret these reports as the first moves by the Eastern European bloc towards participation in joint European planning.—Reuter.

Premier's Name May Go On Bell

Loughborough, June 18.

Canadians will be glad to know today that the name of the Prime Minister may be added with no tonal injuries to the main bell in the Niagara Falls carillon.

A spokesman for the John Taylor Company, Leicester manufacturers of the bell, gave this assurance following a report from Canada that his company could not guarantee the bell's tone if the names of Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt are removed or if Prime Minister Mackenzie King's name is added.

The Canadian Government is reportedly removing the names because it considers it an affront that Mackenzie King's name was omitted.

The spokesman said the removal of two names or the addition of one would make no alternation in the tone audible to the human ear.

He said, however, there might be an "extremely light" change which could be detected by tuning devices. For this reason, he said, the company could not guarantee that deletion or addition of names would not affect the tone.

"Very, Very Little"

"Our opinion is that there will be such a very, very little change that the human ear could not detect it," he said.

The spokesman said a sizeable piece of metal must be knocked off from the bell to make any noticeable change.

He agreed that arguments over the bell were "more politics than mechanics."—United Press.

London, June 18.

The King has approved the appointment of Lieutenant General Sir Robert McGregor Lockhart to act as Governor of the Northwest Frontier Province, in place of Sir Olaf Kirkpatrick Caroe, who has been granted leave of absence by the Secretary of State for India on the recommendation of the Governor General.—Reuter.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 15th day of July 1947.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 12th to 26th June, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1947.

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SENTENCES OF DEATH ASKED

Madrid, June 18.

At a court martial here today the public prosecutor asked for death sentences against four out of the 10 alleged Communist guerillas and sentences of 20 to 30 years imprisonment for the four women among them.

The accused were charged with being involved in a shooting of two civil guards while trying to bring a truckload of dynamite to Madrid and with a raid on a Madrid bank.

Rosa Clemont, one of the women, was a hospital nurse who cared for the sick and wounded guerillas.—Reuter.

SHAKING GERMAN FAITH IN THE UNITED STATES

(By Richard Kasischke)

Berlin, June 19.

Russian-controlled newspapers in Germany are waging a campaign obviously aimed at shaking the Germans' faith in the United States by predicting that American economy is headed for a crisis and depression.

Spearheads of this movement are the official newspaper of the Soviet military administration in Germany, the "Tagliche Rundchau," and the "Neues Deutchland," organ of the Soviet-sponsored Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party. Simultaneously, these two papers tell the Germans that the economy of the Soviet Union is "crisis proof" and a good model for the rest of the world.

This anti-American propaganda is carried on here at a time when the United States is sending millions of dollars worth of food monthly to feed the Germans while the Russians are making their occupation zone of Germany pay heavy reparations in equipment and manufactured products.

The Russian-controlled propaganda campaign also seeks to discredit the motives of the United States and Britain in Germany, claiming that raw materials sent into the western occupation zones on credit represent a plan to "enslave German economy to western monopoly capitalism."

Sharp Attacks

Recently, sharp attacks have been made against the millions of gifts of food and clothing which private citizens in the United States and Britain have been sending to relatives and friends in Germany. Tens of thousands of Germans always are waiting anxiously for the arrival of such parcels and the vast flood of thanks and goodwill accrues to the country from which they come.

In an editorial entitled "Salvation from America?" the "Neues Deutchland" sought to warn the Germans that they "should not be deceived by this flow of packages coming out of a country which suffered no damage from the war, because that does not mean that the American economy is solid."

The paper went on to predict that America was headed for a crisis because "unemployment is rising there and Henry Wallace has predicted that a depression is inevitable."

Wallace, former American Vice-President, predicted economic troubles for America several weeks ago in a speech which drew a page-one display in Russian-controlled papers here.

"U.S. Crisis"

Wallace's speech was used in an attempt to buttress a series of articles which had been appearing under such headlines as: "Declining Production in USA," "More and more signs of American crisis," "England's Dollar Reserves Vanishing" in the "Tagliche Rundschau."

In its neighbouring columns, this paper printed contrasting reports from the USSR: "Re-establishment of tractor works;" "Prosperity in Collective Economy;" The Non-crisis of the Soviet Union." The intended message for the Germans was: Look East, not West.—Associated Press.

Private Aircraft Carrier

Los Angeles, June 17.

The world's only private aircraft carrier, the 142-foot motor yacht "Breezin' Thru," is ready for a Central and South American cruise.

Owned by Mearl Sprott of Pasadena, the yacht carries on its "flight deck" an amphibian Sea-Bee with which Sprott intends to explore the upper reaches of the Amazon. The plane is put on and off the ship by a crane.

The Breezin' Thru is skippered by Capt. Paul C. Loveland, who commanded Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's personal PT boat in the English Channel. She carries a crew of eleven.

The diesel-powered yacht is a former Canadian naval patrol boat which Sprott purchased as surplus at the end of the war. Sprott will take with him his wife, Gertrude, and several friends, including Mary Lloyd, artist-writer.—United Press.

Sightseeing Delegate Injured

Jerusalem, June 18.

The United Nations Special Commission on Palestine toured religious spots today and the group's visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was marred when the Netherlands delegate, N. S. Blom, fell into the tomb of Nicodemus, wrenching his back and injuring his right leg.

Mr. Blom slipped while inspecting the tomb with the official party, which was directed by Franciscan Father Bonventure Simon of New York.

The party postponed a visit to Bethlehem in order to attend the High Commissioner's party tonight.

Mr. Blom was taken to the Palestine Government Hospital. Doctors said his leg was badly sprained and he would have to stay in bed for three days.—United Press.

Obituary

M.E. Perkins

Stamford, Conn, June 18.

The death occurred here today of Maxwell Evarts Perkins, editor-in-chief of Charles Scribners & Sons, Publishers, under whose guidance writers such as Thomas Wolfe, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ring Lardner achieved fame.

Mr. Perkins was 62 years old.

His most spectacular achievement was the production of Wolfe's first great novels "Look Homeward Angel" and "Of Time and River," on which Perkins' arduous task in working them to shape and moulding Wolfe's disorganised manuscripts was considered nearly as responsible for their success as Wolfe's genius.

A later Wolfe novel, "You Can't Go Home Again," devotes several chapters to Mr. Perkins under the fictitious designation of editor Foxhall Edwards. Wolfe also dedicated "Of Time and River" to Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Perkins was credited with converting Scribners' policy from the publication of the Elsie Dinsmore type of novels to pioneering a realistic school of American wit, despite the misgivings of superiors.

He also convinced them that Ring Lardner was a contributor to literature of the day instead of a mere slangy sports writer.—United Press.

Istanbul, June 18.

A British fleet of one cruiser, two aircraft carriers and two destroyers will visit Istanbul in July, Turkish newspapers here reported today.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH TREATY

Paris, June 18.

The French Cabinet today ratified the Anglo-French treaty of alliance signed at Dunkirk in March by Mr. Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, and M. Bidault, French Foreign Minister.

It was announced today that M. Bidault would visit London, probably immediately after Mr. Bevin's return home, for the formal exchange of ratifications.—Reuter.

Grants To Needy M.Ps.

London, June 18.

Legislation may be introduced to enable the Committee handling the Pension Fund for Members of Parliament to make special grants in individual cases after taking into consideration the financial circumstances of the ex-Member of Parliament applying, Reuters Political Correspondent learned today.

This is a possible outcome of the protest by Mr. J. R. Clynes, 77 year old former Cabinet Minister, whose case was raised as soon as the Parliamentary Labour Party met in private in the House of Commons today.

It seems possible that a public subscription for Mr. Clynes may be started, although nothing has yet been done officially by the Labour Party about this.—Reuter.

Highway Toll A National Disaster

Washington, June 18.

President Truman today opened the second national highway safety conference with a plea for greater efforts to cut down the "appalling destruction of life and property" caused by traffic accidents.

"We are dealing with what amounts to national disaster... Last year 33,500 men, women and children died as the result of highway accidents and well over 1,000,000 were injured. That is a tribute to inefficiency the nation cannot afford to pay".

The conference goal is to save 10,000 lives this year.—United Press.

AIRFIELDS FOR TURKEY

Istanbul, June 18.

An agreement has been signed between the Turkish Government, Westinghouse and J. G. White Corporations, both American concerns, for the construction of new airfields in Turkey.

The present airfields will be extended and modernised to accommodate bigger aircraft. The total expenditure will amount to 43,000,000 Turkish pounds.—Reuter.

Leopold Rumours Refuted

Brussels, June 18.

The persistent rumours that King Leopold of Belgium, who has been living abroad since the liberation of his country, was planning a surprise return to Brussels during the absence of his brother, Prince Charles, the Regent, were denied today by the King's secretary.

Prince Charles is due to leave on an official tour of the Belgian Congo on June 29.

The King's Secretary said:

"I am entitled to state that the King will strictly adhere to the Belgian constitution and this rules out any 'surprise move'."

The royal question will again come to the fore tomorrow when the official report of the Committee of Enquiry, set up by King Leopold to enquire into the accusations against his conduct and policy before and during the war, will be handed to Prince Charles, the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament and to the Government.—Reuter.

Secret Russian Bid For Peace In '43?

New York, June 18.

Russia secretly sought to make separate peace with Germany early in 1943 but hastily withdrew the offer for fear of losing both the Allies and the peace attempt, according to an article in "Liberty" magazine.

A report on the "Secret Russian Mission" written by Paul Schwarz and Guy Richards, and described by "Liberty" Magazine as authenticated by U.S. State Department officials, said a Soviet peace emissary contacted the Nazis in Stockholm.

The writers asserted that Hitler's demand that the German intelligence obtain proof whether the Soviet emissary, A. M. Aleksandroff was a Jew or a Gentile caused the collapse of the peace attempt.

They said the German intelligence office enlisted the aid of the neutral Bulgarian legation in Moscow in finding an answer to the question and the Russians got wind of the investigation.

"Imperilled"

The article said:

"To the Kremlin, it became clear the security of the Aleksandroff mission was imperilled before the Germans made any move to reply. The Russians doubted if any further negotiations could be carried out without knowledge filtering through to the Americans and British.....So Moscow withdrew the potential explosive in a hurry."

The writers said the mission was conceived when Marshal Stalin received a negative reply to demands for the immediate opening of a second front in France.—United Press.

Sviridov Obdurate

Budapest, June 19.

Soviet Lt. Gen. V. P. Sviridov today refused a face to face request by United States Brig. Gen. Weems for a copy of the Russian-obtained "confessions" which led to last month's coup d'etat in Hungary.

Weems made the point-blank request at a meeting of the Three-Power Allied Control Commission.

Sviridov previously rejected similar written pleas by the United States and Britain for copies of the "confession" which the Russians said they obtained from Bela Kovacs, former secretary general of the Smallholders Party.

Sviridov told the U.S. and British members of the Commission, that Russia "had nothing whatever to do with conditions in Hungary" and had "no influence at all" in the formation of the pro-Communist regime.—Associated Press.

Dim Prospects For German Harvest

Berlin, June 19.

Germany's impending harvest prospects appear no brighter this year than they did during 1946, when the Germans were hungry despite the flow of imports from the United States, General Lucius Clay said in a report on conditions in the American occupation zone of Germany.

Winter weather, which killed off crops planted in the American zone last fall, was reported especially severe and more extensive than a year ago. Winter destroyed 10 per cent of autumn plantings of bread grains; 18 per cent of winter barley; 41 per cent of winter oil seed, German crop reporters estimated.

In the face of what is generally expected to be another "hunger winter," both American and German officials are vigorously encouraging home gardening as a means of supplementing the low food rations, the report said.

It estimated there will be about 1,940,000 home and subsistence gardens in the American zone this year, an increase of 240,000 over that of last year.

Pressure On Farmers

Both the American and German officials, meanwhile, increased pressure on the farmers to deliver their livestocks for distribution, the report said. Failure of the farmers to cooperate wholeheartedly with the programme resulted in reduction in meat and fat rations for the city dwellers and prevent maximum collection of grains for human consumption.

Intensified cultivation of German soil under the Land Reform Law in the American zone also is proceeding to boost output of farm produce, the report added. Plans call for the releasing of 198,000 acres of forest, Wehrmacht properties, public and semi-public holdings for use as family gardens, small farms and subsistence, settlements for part time industrial workers. — Associated Press.

Ukrainians For Britain

London, June 18.

Eight thousand Ukrainians, former members of the first Ukrainian division of the Wehrmacht, have been brought to Britain from Italy, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today.

Answering a question about the precautions taken to ensure that none of these men were war criminals, Mr. McNeil said that a cross section had been screened by the Soviet Commission in August, 1945 and a further cross section had been screened by the Refugees Screening Commission last February. No war criminals were discovered.

Mr. McNeil added that the Soviet Government had requested that the members of this division be sent to the Soviet Union but since the majority of the men came from territory incorporated into the Soviet Union after September 1, 1939, the British Government could not comply with this request. The status of Ukrainians in Britain was the same as that of other prisoners of war.—Reuter.

Tribesmen Routed By Iranian Troops

London, June 18.

Iran Government troops, operating in the mountainous territory near the Soviet frontier, have routed tribesmen-followers of the Iraqi Kurdish chieftain, Mullah Mustafa Barzani, Teheran radio announced today.

Both sides were reported to have suffered heavy casualties.

A communique issued by the Iranian General Staff said that Barzani had tried to avoid an engagement by hiding in the impassable mountains since they crossed the frontier from Iraq some three weeks ago.

The communique added that the Barzanis, who broke up into small groups, would be able to escape across the border through the wild mountain ranges.

It was estimated earlier this week that about 10,000 Iranian soldiers, using tanks and aircraft, were fighting between 700 and 8,000 tribesmen.

Mullah Mustafa Barzani fled to Iran with his followers in 1945 after an unsuccessful revolt against the Iraqi Government. The Iranian Army attacked and badly defeated his army last February after giving him an ultimatum to leave the country. Since then he has lived with the remnants of his followers in the highland region near the frontier.—Reuter.

Agreement At Last

Vienna, June 18.

Joseph M. Dodge, American delegate to the four-power Austrian Treaty Commission, announced today that an agreement had been "finally reached" which would facilitate immediate discussion of ownership of German-held assets in Austria.

Dodge said the Commission, on the basis of a combined Franco-Soviet proposal, will begin tomorrow the discussion and investigation of the ownership of Austrian oil industries.

The American delegate said all delegates had agreed that sessions would be closed and no statements made to the press until final agreement or disagreement had been reached.

He also said the American delegation agreed to this provision, "not to conceal information but to prevent unfounded prejudgment before a decision is reached in the Commission."—United Press.

"SUPERFORTS" IN TURKEY

Istanbul, June 18.

Eleven "Superfortresses," bought from the United States by the Turkish Government, have been delivered in Turkey, it was reliably reported here today.

No official confirmation is available.

A "Superfortress" was seen flying with a group of Turkish army planes during an air display in Smyrna a few days ago, when United States air advisers were present on a visit.—Reuter.

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TORTURE BY BURNING

Accusations Against Japanese Tsunwan Police On Trial

"There he is—may he and all members of his family perish!" exclaimed Lam Sui yesterday as, in reply to a question put to him by Major M. I. Ormsby, Prosecuting Officer, he identified and pointed out Sgt. Tsubota Kanji, who is standing trial before No. 5 War Crimes Court.

Lam Sing, another prosecution witness, was bashfulness personified as he giggled and blushed while adamantly refusing to demonstrate the position in which he was situated while allegedly being burnt by Tsubota. "It would be very embarrassing" insisted Lam Sing, who left the President no alternative but to clear the Court.

Tsubota is charged with being concerned in the ill-treatment of Chinese civilians imprisoned at the Tsunwan Kempeitai between July 1, 1943 and Dec. 31, 1944, causing physical sufferings to some and death to others.

Lam Sing, who had testified on Wednesday, concluded his testimony yesterday by declaring that no medical attention was provided for sick prisoners detained at the Tsunwan Gendarmerie. The sanitary arrangements were far from satisfactory, each cell only being provided with one kerosene tin for toilet purposes. Approximately 13 to 14 persons were confined in each cell.

Burned With Kerosene

Lam Sing said that he was burned with lighted pieces of paper which had been dipped in kerosene while lighted cigarettes were used to burn his finger nails.

The Court was then cleared to enable Lam Sing to demonstrate his position while being subjected to the burning torture.

Lam Sui, who was the next witness called, said that he was arrested on Aug. 9, 1943, by Tsubota and taken to the Tsun Wan Gendarmerie.

The day following his arrest, he was taken out for interrogation. Tsubota conducted the interrogation and the interpreter Lam was present.

Beaten And Hung Up

Lam Sui said that he was asked if he was connected with the Chinese Army and whether he had anything to do with railway sabotage. On his denying this, he was beaten with a leather belt by the interpreter on accused's orders. He was beaten until he became unconscious.

Later, he was hung up by accused and the interpreter and beaten with a thick rod until he fainted. On regaining consciousness, he found himself lying on the floor. He was then again interrogated and on his persisting in his denials, he was kicked on the right side of the body by accused; he was suspended in the air and beaten.

The next day he was again subjected to tortures of a similar nature. On all the occasions that he was tortured, accused was present.

Electric Company Explosion

Lam Sui said that he was informed by Li Sau and Siu Kwai, who died while being detained at the Tsunwan Gendarmerie, that they were maltreated by accused.

Major A.S. Moody testified regarding the scars examined by him about the body of Lam Sing as well as the abnormalities of Lam's finger nails.

Siu Lin said that he was, with several other persons, arrested on Aug. 9, 1943 and taken to the Tsunwan Gendarmerie.

After being detained in the cells for four or five days, he was taken out for interrogation by accused and the interpreter Lam. He was questioned about explosions at the Electric Company and on the railway track.

When he said that he did not know anything about these explosions, he was hung up with his hands behind his back and beaten with a heavy wooden pole by interpreter Lam in the presence of accused. The questioning continued as he was being beaten.

Denied Spying

Siu Lin said that he was taken out for interrogation a second time. He was asked by accused to bend down, with his head touching the ground. On complying with this request, he was beaten. After being thus beaten, Siu Lin said he was again hung up. He later admitted knowledge about the explosions.

Siu Lin said that while he was detained at the Tsunwan Gendarmerie, he only received two small balls of rice each day by way of food.

Wong Fook, Chinese Detective, said that he was arrested by the accused in November 1944.

On the day after his arrest, he was interrogated by accused, who spoke very good Cantonese. Wong said that he was asked if he had stolen any wood, if he had been a detective under the British regime and if he were a spy. He admitted being a detective, but denied the other accusations. He was then beaten by accused with a wooden club for about 25 minutes.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

Pleading guilty to the possession of three mace of raw opium at the K.C.R. Station on June 16, Kwong Wing-hoo, a farmer, was fined $40, or two weeks' hard labour, by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday. R.O. Paulle revealed that the opium was found attached to the straw hat defendant was wearing at the time

Must Have Been Bad Whisky

Admitting having "had a few drinks," John Don, 21, leading seaman, was fined $10 by Mr. Latimer yesterday on the charge of being drunk and incapable at Kowloon Godowns at 3 a.m. on June 19.

Inspector J. Orem, prosecuting, stated that defendant was found outside the Main Gate of the Kowloon Godowns and brought up to the Tsimtsatsui Police Station.

"He must have drunk some bad whisky," commented His Worship. Turning to the accused, His Worship advised "Don't do it again!"

GAMBLED IT AWAY

Admitting that he had lost the money gambling, Tsang Shun, 27, cashier, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday for embezzling $2,539 and for stealing "by servant" another $1,900 belonging to his master.

The prosecution alleged that defendant collected $2,539 on various dates in 1946. On Jan. 10, he was sent out to collect $1,900, after which he absconded.

On Monday last, one of the shop's partners saw defendant in West Point and had him arrested.

REPORTER FINED

"Since you are a reporter you should know the traffic regulations better!" said Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday when he imposed a fine of $50 on Cheung Shing, 22 (who claimed to be a Chinese newspaper reporter) for driving a car without a license in Gloucester Road on Wednesday.

Bail of $600 was estreated by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Lai Yau failed to answer to the charges of preparing opium, and possession of the drug, at 247 Yu Chow Street, second floor, on June 18.

Brothel In A Peculiar House

A police party, under Detective Inspector Davies early yesterday morning raided a brothel situated in an unusual house in Wanchai. Two Europeans and two girls were discovered on the floor.

This was disclosed before Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Chan Kai, 30, unemployed, was charged with keeping a brothel at an unnumbered house in Yee Ying Lane. Chan pleaded not guilty, but was convicted and fined $250 or three months' hard labour.

Inspector Davies said it was a peculiar house; there were no stairways leading to the first floor where the girls and Europeans were found.

The only means of entering the flat was through a ladder which would be pulled up after using. The police succeeded in getting into the floor when the inmates lowered the ladder.

In evidence, one of the girls found on the floor admitted being a prostitute and said that she got $20 from her European client, out of which she paid $10 to defendant for hiring the bed.

Marine Court Cases

The fine for obstruction at public piers was raised to $100 yesterday by Marine Magistrate Neil Garland when he sentenced two junkmasters.

Both junkmasters had failed to appear the previous morning. They were warned that such absence would in future be treated as contempt of Court, and punished accordingly.

Magistrate Garland was also displeased when an uncertificated coxswain failed to answer to a charge of being under way without a certificated coxswain on board. A representative of the junk owner was present to plead guilty on behalf of accused and he was fined $150 (or six weeks).

A caution was administered to the master of a trading junk for failing to stop in response to a Police signal in Rambler Channel. He pleaded he was nearly a thousand feet away from the Police launch, which was astern, and he did not hear the siren. The Police did not press the charge as they admitted the siren was not very loud.

Inspector Hill prosecuted for the Police.

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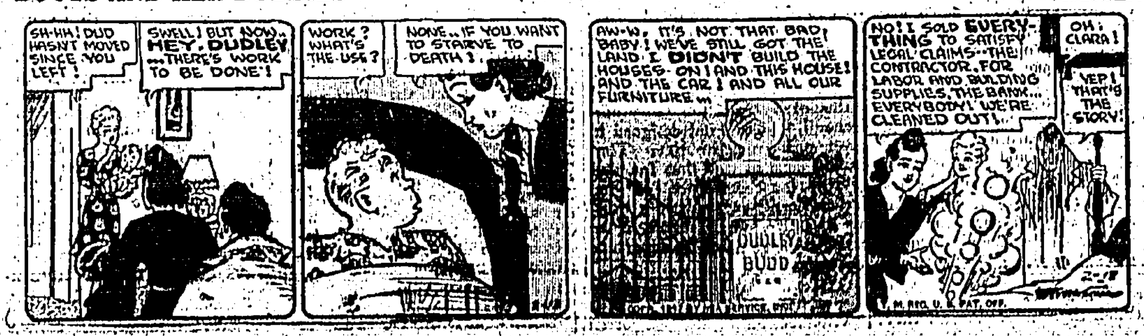

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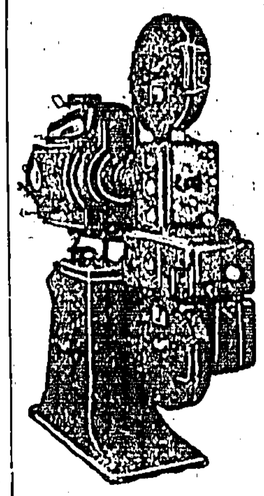

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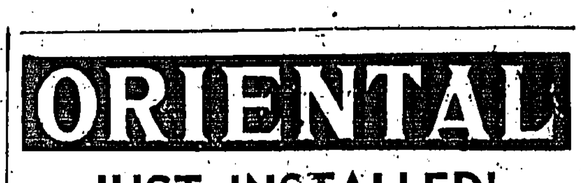

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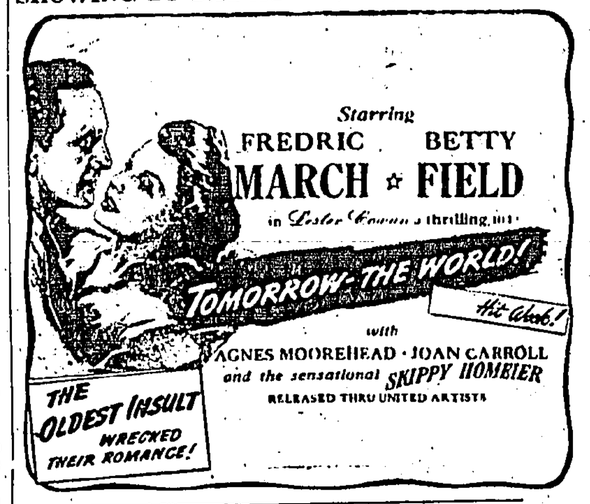

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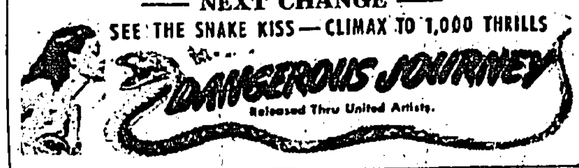

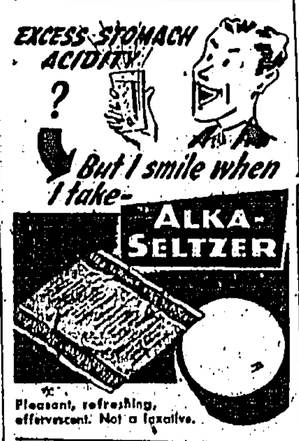

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INDIA'S DESTINY

The announcements from Travancore and Hyderabad that the withdrawal of the British Raj from India will be followed by declarations of State independence show that, whatever the merits of the plan for the transfer of power, the solution is not yet. All that can be said—and it is much is that we have surmounted what was, perhaps, the most difficult obstacle on the way to it. The Hindu and Moslem leaders have agreed that a certain procedure shall be followed to map out the areas of Hindustan and Pakistan, and enable their representatives to sit in separate Constituent Assemblies; and, assuming that the dualism is persisted in, Great Britain will hand over to two separate Dominion Governments. Whether they will remain such or will exercise their Dominion right to secede is entirely for them to determine. But Pakistan, it is thought, will remain in the Commonwealth; and Hindustan when its leaders come to their full responsibilities, for more than one reason for likewise. A hopeful sequel to the Viceroy's announcement is Mr. Gandhi's speech. Mr. Gandhi has always opposed partition. But he recognised that it is the work, not of the Viceroy, but of the Indian politician, and appealed for mutual agreement to define the boundaries of a partitioned Punjab and Bengal. Gandhi's dislike of partition is shared by the Congress leaders generally and if they have given way over it, the reason is that events have shown the alternative to partition to be civil war and communal massacres. Yet mere acceptance of the thing in principle cannot be relied on to banish the danger. Hence the detailed and somewhat complicated plan embodied in the agreement, whereby the decisions about partition will be taken. What is desirable now is that these arrangements should be pushed forward at the greatest possible speed, while leaders of each community do their utmost to curb the passions of their followers, and in particular to restrain them from bloodshed. Speed is requisite because the task of restraint is difficult, and the chief way to ease it will be to shorten it. Speed is no less desirable from the British point of view, in order to relieve our officials as early as possible from the impossible position in which they find themselves. A handful of men dealing with vast populations, they were sustained hitherto by the enduring prestige of the British Raj. Once it was announced that the British Raj would not outlast June, 1948, their position became very difficult; and the sooner it can be brought to an end before that date the better. This applies to Indian as well as British officials. It does not mean that many might not be re-engaged by the new regime. But until then they cannot have in the fullest sense a Government behind them. Such considerations explain the energy with which the Viceroy is pressing to accelerate transfer. Not only has it served to rouse Indian politicians to a sense of realities, but at this stage it involves less risks than a more leisurely procedure. It remains a fact that the difficulties still ahead are most formidable. Take for instance the Indian Army. It has been the aim of the British military authorities to render it non-communal; Moslems and Hindus serve in it side by side. The reward of that policy has been reaped during communal disturbances, when the Army has earned everybody's confidence by putting down disorders impartially. But now the demand is for the Army to be divided—part to Hindustan, part to Pakistan. The Hindus and Moslems, who hitherto have served side by side, will have to be sorted out into separate units. From the standpoint of Indian unification it is utterly retrograde. Moreover it will take time to carry out—precious time during which the Army as a non-communal force may be more needed than ever. None of these Army problems has yet been really tackled. Yet none of them can be shirked. When the British go, the Army will be the sole remaining embodiment of force. One needs only recall what happened in China when the Manchus went, in order to see some of the risks. It would not take many years of mismanagement to bring India back to the state of devastating chaos and endemic war, into which the break-up of the Mogul Empire brought her, and from which she was rescued by the British Raj. Again, who is to carry out the fixing of boundaries between Hindustan and Pakistan? The broad decisions, first whether there are to be partitions at all, and secondly, what main areas are to be comprised in them, will be arrived at by the votes of Indians in the manner which the new agreement lays down. But when that is done, it remains for boundary commissions to demarcate the actual frontiers. And it does not seem to be yet indicated who the commissioners will be, or what impartial outside force, if any, there will be to enforce the decisions. Is it seriously hoped that all that will be accomplished by mid-August—the date by which it is now hoped to complete the British transfer? And yet upon the smooth and agreed settlement of those frontiers the prospect of good relations between the two future Indias must largely depend. Take again the problem of the Indian States. Leading members of the Princely Order are said to be at loggerheads about it. Some favour Hindustan, some Pakistan, while several talk of complete independence. None of these would really be so satisfactory as the federal position evisaged for them under the All-India constitution. These difficulties and not a few others may all be surmounted. But what most of them seem to call for is the assistance of an impartial non-Indian authority, accepted by the rival Indian bodies as adviser, arbiter and, to some extent, guarantor. That is more or less Lord Mountbatten's position at the moment; but if his term is to close next August it will do so long before the need for it has ended. His successor—or more probably successors, for the two Dominions are likely to desire separate ones—will have only the status of a Dominion Governor-General, which is not designed to cover such an active role. That he had done so well thus far, and gained the confidence of the Indian parties in so short a time, would only sharpen regret, if he proved to have timed his departure too early.

IN THE EBB AND FLOW OF CIVIL WAR

By Dr. Pei Wen-Chung

Peiping, June 17.

The influential Ta Kung Pao prints a bitter document of life in a Chinese village caught in the ebb and flow of civil war.

The writer, Dr. Pei Wen-chung, a geologist in Government employ, says the ordeal of purge, extortion, blackmail and food seizure in his native Luanhsien, 185 kilometers northeast of Tientsin, is typical of suffering in other Hopei villages in the war zone.

"I am a student of science knowing nothing about politics," writes Dr. Pei. "I came from a village which was 'liberated' by the Communists long ago and 'restored' by Nationalist forces last year. Since then it has been 'liberated' once more and 'restored' again. Today, the people in my village cannot even go on living."

In battles of the sort his village saw, he continues, "the Nationalists and the Communists, more often than not, get off with light casualties. Those bearing the full brunt are the people, who either get kill'ed or are stripped of their possessions....."

Armed Idlers

"Last winter more than 100,000 men and women from over 10 villages in southern Tengyun took refuge in rushes. They had no food for three days. Then, there was heavy snowfall. More than 10,000 were frozen to death, and most survivors lost either fingers, ears or noses."

Spreading fear through the village of Luanhsien, Dr. Pei says, is an organisation of armed idlers and ruffians who once worked for the Japanese and the puppets and now act as guides for Goverment "mopping-up teams."

"Since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war to the present moment," he says, "no one knows how many times this organisation has changed its name. It now calls itself the Self-Defence Corps. But the villagers speak of it always as the 'Fire Gang.'"

"When the Nationalist forces visit the villages to mop up, the chiefs and men of the Fire Gang ifform them which village has Eighth Routers (members of the Communist Eighth Route Army) to be extirpated, and who are Communists to be shot before firing squads. One word from the Gang is enough to condemn a village to the torch or a man to death.

Absolute Authority

"When the Nationalist forces withdraw, key points are headed over the Gang, and all neighbouring villages placed under its control. Though it may occupy only limited areas, it nevertheless exercises an authority which is absolute and supreme."

The Fire Gang, Dr. Pei continues, raises regular "contributions" from farmers for guns and ammunition; it collects "unburned bricks" for the construction of forts, and foodstuffs such as millet, wheat, rice, wheat flour and pork.

Furthermore, he says, a "construction fee" is levied once or twice a month. Funds are "requested" for the purchase of socks, shoes and uniforms all the year round. When a member of the Fire Gang marries, villagers are told to produce cash presents. "For comforting Nationalist forces, pigs and cash (often large sums) are collected from the farmers." All this in addition to the ordinary and extraordinary taxes in kind.

This constant draining of the farmer's meagre resources has resulted in a drastic depreciation in land values, Dr. Pei reported. "Expenses due from each mou of land," he say, "often exceed what the land can yield through the year."

Fire Gang

Military conscription, the account continues, is in the hands of the village chief, who is also the head of the Fire Gang. And "too many Gang select recruits in proportion to the size of the household's fortunes.

"A wealthy family might be requested to send two or three of its members to the army, irrespective of whether there are that many young men in the family....Should a wealthy family decline to send its recruits, a process known as 'kuchia' is necessitated: the wealth of the family is appraised, converted into cash and surrendered to the Gang in ransom, in default of which its men are sure to be sent into the army.

"Poorer families are hardly better off, for sons of wealthier families are frequently ransomed, and it is mostly from the poor families that the required recruits finally come.

"Then there is the practice of 'pien-pa' which is just another term for blackmail. Any man may have bad luck and may be accused of being a 'collaborator of the bandits (Communists).' He will then be beaten up and shut up in a dark room. But if the man can pay a bribe between $200,000 and $300,000 he may obtain exoneration, after having repented.

Bribe—Or Else

"If the bribe is not forthcoming, he may then be accused of being an out-and-out 'bandit.' Then there is nothing for it but he must be shot dead as a 'bandit.'

"Such a situation exists in almost every *hsien* in eastern Hopei.

"I am not opposing operations against 'bandits.' But for the sake of justice the Government forces should not mop up innocent people, nor should they take as their sole object the purge of villages. The way the Nationalist forces carry out mopping-up campaigns against 'bandits' is hardly different from the practices of the Japanese...."

When Communist forces leave a village, Dr. Pei continues, they persuade or coerce villagers to flee with them. "Taught by experience, the farmers often comply, knowing it to be the best way left open to them. Those slow with their legs are shot. A man shot dead is a dead 'bandit.'"

Constant Panic

Due to a land dispute dating back to the 18th century, said Dr. Pei, the villagers of Luanhsien are in mortal fear of the Fire Gang of a neighbouring district. "Any man from our village, on being sighted, is beaten up and held for ransom," he reports. "The Gang spread word that it will stop finding fault only if the village transfers a large part of its farmland, together with several tens of millions of dollars, to their district.

"How can (our) village, which is populated by only 50 or 60 families, meet such an enormous demand....?

"The village, of course, is free to refuse, but in all probability the Gang men would report the village as a Communist base when the Nationalist forces next come. Then the village may be shelled with cannon or massacred by the self-defence corps.

"Consequently, the whole populace, from 10 to 60 years of age, lives in constant panic. Many dare not pass the night in their homes but flee to the fields or a neighbouring village."—United Press.

PLAGUE IN AMOY

Shanghai, June 19.

The Shanghai Quarantine Service announced today that because of the prevalence of plague in Amoy all vessels and aircraft arriving there will be subject to quarantine inspection.

Amoy has been declared a plague-infected port.—United Press.

100 Years Ago Today

(From the files of the "China Mail.")

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N.B. The proprietors of the Victoria Theatre being desirous of affording every accommodation to the audience, beg to notify that the number of Tickets to be issued will be limited and none will be sold after noon of the performance; so that parties wishing to have seats secured for Ladies, will please to make early application.

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A SIGHT!! The proprietors of the Chinese Theatre beg respectfully to inform the European Community of Hong Kong that the Company now here will give a representation of feats of Gymnastics and tumbling this evening at ½ past 7 o'clock; as this representation is got up solely for the European community no Chinese will be admitted to inconvenience them. Terms of admission, 1 rupee.

Electronic Attack On Cancer

San Francisco, June 17.

Radical new medical and electronic treatments for cancer will be tested on humans for the first time at a $250,000 cancer laboratory to be in operation here by mid-summer.

One of nearly a dozen experimental units throughout the nation, the superbly-equipped laboratory will test and evaluate many new anti-cancer agents in research designed primarily to learn the cause—as well as the cure—for the deadly disease.

Dr. Michael Shimkin, director of the laboratory, said many new drugs now are ready for testing after successful experimentation on animals.

"We don't expect any of them to be a 'cancer cure,'" he said. "But by testing them on human volunteers, we may be able to develop more effective agents."

Among these agents are complex sugars, synthetic sex hormones, many other organic compounds, and derivatives of the deadly nitrogen-mustard poison gas once used in warfare.

Volunteers

Volunteer patients in groups of 25 at one time will be treated by a technical staff that will include more than 30 doctors, scientists and nurses. The laboratory will be operated jointly by the University of California and the U.S. Public Health Service. The health agency is co-operating with other universities and research institutions in similar investigation, but this will be one of the few in which major emphasis is placed on a study of human cancer patients.

Dr. Shimkin said scientists also would study the relationship between cancer and immunity, hoping to find the factor that protects many people from the disease.

Scores of new mechanical and electronic devices will be used in a third phase of investigations of malignant tumours as they occur in patients and test tubes. One test will involve a sealed chamber in which automatic recordings are made of a patient's blood pressure, heart rate, blood chemistry, respiration and basal metabolism rate.

Bombardment

Another experiment will utilize supersonic wave bombardment of cancer cells, and another will delve into the electrical nature of cancer cells and the possible use of electronics in diagnosis and treatment.

"We want to learn anything we possibly can about the nature of cancer cells, and why they are different from other cells," Dr. Shimkin said. "We also want to learn why cancer patients are different from normal patients—and how they got that way."

The fundamental goal of the laboratory, he emphasized, will be a search for the causes of cancer.

"Once you find causes," he said, "it's a lot easier to find cures."—United Press.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"I'd keep an eye on 7743—I just heard him order 350 visiting cards!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

LISTEN TO THE BIDDING

It pays to listen closely to the bidding. And that means the bidding of your opponents as well as your partner's. You are likely to get information from them which is even more valuable to you than merely that which aids you to play the cards with good effect against them. Maybe the disclosure of their own suit lengths will enable you to read that your partner holds enough cards in your own long suit to support it as a trump for a profitable sacrifice.

	S K Q 10 7 H 8 D K J 10 6 C A J 5 3	
S 8 6 H A J 10 6 5 2 D Q C 9 8 4 2	N W E S	S A J 3 2 H Q 9 3 D A 2 C K Q 7 6
	S 9 5 4 H K 7 4 D 9 8 7 5 4 3 C 10	

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
1 S	1 NT	Pass	2 H
Pass	3 C	Pass	3 H
Pass	4 H	5 D	Pass
Pass	Dbl		

You could hardly call that entire auction fine bidding. Most first rate players would open North's hand with 1-Diamond instead of 1-Spade, and the ensuing activity would have varied tremendously. Also, more players would have favored a double by East than 1-No Trump. Then again, after East's 1-No Trump, most players in the West would have bid either 3-Hearts or 4-Hearts on their first turn, and some would have bid 4-Hearts instead of three after East's 3-Clubs.

There was one really good bid, however, in the entire sequence. It was South's 5-Diamonds. The repeated calls by East and West had told him that they held so many cards in other suits, they could not have many diamonds. Consequently North had a fair number of them. As soon as the 4-Hearts bid showed a game was at stake, South then decided to sacrifice at 5-Diamonds. It proved profitable, too, as the only tricks lost were one in trumps, two in spades and one in hearts.

East and West could have made 5-Hearts if they had gone ahead and bid it, but East so resented the insult to his own strong bidding, when South cut in at the height of five, that he just couldn't help doubling.

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Tomorrow's Problem

	S 9 3 2 H J 10 4 D K J 8 5 2 C 5 2	
S Q 10 H A Q 7 D A 6 C Q J 9 8 7 3	N W E S	S A 8 7 5 4 H 9 5 D 9 4 3 C A K 10
	S K J 6 H K 8 6 3 2 D Q 10 7 C 6 4	

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)

If you had mis-read your East hand, passed and then heard West bid 1-Club and North 1-Diamond, what call would you make?

Australia's Sheep Loss

London, June 18.

The Australian Agriculture Minister, R. T. Pollard, revealed today that Australia lost 31,000,000 sheep during the last five years' drought. Mr. Pollard was making a statement reaffirming the Federal embargo on the export of stud rams.

He said: "It is very necessary that Australia's flocks should be rebuilt."

Regardless of the high prices offered in Latin America, South Africa and the United States, therefore, the embargo first imposed in the early thirties should be retained, the Australian News and Information Bureau reported.

During the first 11 months of this season, it said, 2,736,000 bales of wool were sold at auction with an average price for greasy 24.77 pence a lb.

"A feature of the autumn sales was the smaller quantity bought by the United States. British and continental buyers still are bidding strongly and a record is expected."—United Press.

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INDIA BILL IN EARLY JULY

Nothing To Delay Passage Of Measure

Tentative Schedule Of Operation

(By Fraser Wighton)

London, June 18.

The British Government is pressing forward urgently with the presentation to Parliament of the bill creating the dominions of Hindustan and Pakistan. The tentative arrangements, which are still subject to change, were reviewed by a meeting of the Cabinet constitutional and other experts last night.

I understand authoritatively that the Government is still aiming at the presentation of the bill to the House of Commons in the first week of July.

So much has to be undertaken in the intervening period that this timing may prove optimistic, but the Government is determined that nothing shall delay the passage of the bill through Parliament during July, and if it proves impossible to introduce it until say the second week of the month, the delay will be avoided by cutting down the normal gap—at least two weeks—between the first and second reading of an important bill to a maximum of five days.

The Cabinet's plan is to have all stages of the bill dealt with in a maximum of about 10 days, so that it may receive the Royal assent and become law before the end of the month.

In order to guarantee this, I understand that the Government is keeping the official Opposition in touch with what is proposed in order that when the India Bill eventually comes before the House of Commons and the House of Lords, it may be virtually an agreed measure.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues are seeing that the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, is continuously informed of the progress at the British end.

The Machinery

The machinery that will pass the bill into law, and its tentative schedule of operation, are as follows:—

1. The bill, running to over 20 clauses, at present in the hands of the Cabinet legislation experts, will eventually pass to the full Cabinet for final approval. The concurrence of the Dominions in the measure, including their assent to the dropping of "Emperor" from the King's title, will by that time presumably have been obtained.

2. The Government will present the bill to the House of Commons early in July, and it will be read a first time. There will be no debate at this stage.

3. Within a maximum of 16 days and a minimum of five, depending upon the date of the initial presentation, the bill will come before the House of Commons for the second reading. Assuming the measure is largely agreed, the Government will allow a few hours "discussion." A long debate is not expected. Later the same evening, the bill may pass formally through both committee stages and third reading without further talk.

4. The bill will then be remitted to the House of Lords. The present assumption is that it may be possible to complete all the House of Commons processes within two days, with a third day for the first, second and third readings in the upper House. Provided the House of Lords adhere to this programme and have no amendments, the bill need not return to the House of Commons.

5. A Royal Commission will immediately be set up and, the King's assent having been obtained, the House of Commons will be summoned to the House of Lords to hear the Commission read the Royal edict, creating Hindustan and Pakistan.

Lord Jowitt

The statesman who will play the central role in the first act of the constitutional drama is Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, who will head the Royal Commission of judicial peers.

The House of Commons figures who have been prominently identified with the Indian settlement—the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. A. V. Alexander—will mingle with the back-bench members of the lower House, who will stand at the back of the peers' benches while the bill is read.—Reuter.

FLEEING FROM RUSSIANS

Munich, June 18.

The Bavarian Refugee Commissioner reported today that thousand of Germans are fleeing from the Russian zone into the American and British zones and a Clerk of the court which has tried several border jumpers said they are afraid of being drafted to work in Russian uranium mines.—United Press.

SHIP HITS MINE

Genoa, June 18.

Fourteen persons of a complement of 15 were drowned yesterday when a small motorship, the "Maria," en route from Sicily to Savona with a cargo of wine, struck a mine and sank off Giglio island, south of Elba, in the Ligurian Sea.—United Press.

Japanese Reparations Dispute

Tokyo, June 19.

The chief of the Philippines Reparations Mission to Japan today took exception to published reports that Allied Headquarters here is ready to go ahead with the 30 per cent interim reparations programme as soon as it is approved by the Far Eastern Commission, saying he did not understand the interim reparations procedure worked that way.

On Wednesday the United Press quoted high Allied Headquarters sources as saying Tokyo had the list ready and could begin 30 per cent interim reparations removals as soon as FEC gave the programme the green light.

B.P. Abrera, chief of the P.I. reparations group, said "That is not the way I understand it."

Brigadier General W.K. Harrison, Jr., chief of SCAP's Reparations Section, refused to comment, even refusing to state the historical facts in the progress made to date in settling the reparations question.—United Press.

Americans Take Tea With Mr. Attlee

London, June 18.

The world-touring American editors and publishers today met two top members of the Cabinet. They had tea with the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, in the afternoon and later talked with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Dalton, at the American Ambassador's cocktail party.

The Americans started a busy day with an impromptu press conference at London airport, answering questions by hordes of London newspapermen. The questions mostly concerned the editors' and publishers' opinion of whether Britain could recover her position as a world power. The Americans were optimistic.

Publisher James Stahlman, of the "Nashville Banner," said the Americans stayed up most of the night playing gin rummy on the first leg of their round-the-world flight. Mr. Stahlman said they were enjoying their short stay in London.

After the tea party at No. 10 Downing Street, the Americans went to the residence of the United States Ambassador and Mrs. Douglas, where they met Mr. Dalton and resident American newsmen.

Later, they attended a dinner given by Lord Beaverbrook at the Savoy.—United Press.

Wallace Still Talking

New York, June 18.

Henry Wallace today said the Bulwinkle Bill was a "step toward destroying our American free enterprise system." He said the Bulwinkle Bill, which passed the Senate and now goes to the House, legalizes cartel monopolies in domestic transportation.

He declared that every shipper and every consumer should call on President Truman to veto this step toward the destroying of "our American free enterprise". He said the bill would exempt railroads' rate-making agreements from the operation of anti-trust laws.—United Press.

Ludicrous Charges

Washington, June 18.

State Department officials said today that "Pravda's" charges that Mr. J. Paxton Hall, United States Consul in Sinkiang, was concerned in the border incident with Outer Mongolia were "obviously ludicrous."

The officials said Mr. Hall had simply been relaying to the Department whatever information came to him from various sources, carefully qualifying the source in each case.

They added that "Pravda's" story had been received and catalogued.—United Press.

Nations Must Send "Best Troops"

Lake Success, N.Y. June 19.

The Security Council today agreed unanimously that the United Nations' 55 member nations, when the time comes, must contribute forces from the "best trained and equipped units of their fighting forces to the global security force."

This represented, however, the first instance of the Security Council approval of work performed in 14 months of secret meetings by the Military Staff Committee. The Committee was unable to bring Russia and other big powers into agreement on such basic issues as the kind of forces the Big Five should contribute to the peace force.

The delegates quickly approved these provisions:—

Provisions

1. Armed forces made available to the United Nations will be used against any "threat" of world peace and "breach" of world peace and "any act of aggression."

2. Forces may not be employed for purposes inconsistent with the provisions and spirit of the charter.

3. Forces contributed when the Security Council calls for them will include units of national land, sea and air forces "normally maintained as components of armed forces" of countries in the United Nations."—United Press.

Protests

New York, June 18.

Several small countries at the Security Council meeting today, including Syria, Australia, and Belgium, again expressed concern at the small size of the United Nations force proposed in the Military Staff Committee's report and the fact that it was intended for use only against the weaker nations.

Britain, Russia and the United States maintained that, since the Security Council Charter can be enforced only if the five permanent members agree, a small force would only be needed as it could not be used in a breach of peace by a great power.—Reuter.

Dominion Status For Ceylon

London, June 18.

Outlining the British Government's plan to grant Ceylon a fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told the House of Commons today that the extent of Ceylon's self-government would be for all intents and purposes in accordance with what the term "Dominion status" was understood to imply.

Steps would be taken to revise the present constitution, granted last year in accordance with the pledge early in the war that Ceylon would get a responsible self-government — as soon as elections had been held and the new government was fully functioning.

The new Parliament would assemble in October.

Arrangements would have to be negotiated between Britain and the new Ceylon Government on a number of subjects before the constitution could be amended, Mr. Creech Jones declared.

Discussions on the constitution of Malaya are to be given first consideration before any question of the inclusion of Singapore in the Malayan federation can be contemplated, the Colonial Secretary said.—Reuter.

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U.S. Democrats Pat Attlee On Back

Washington, June 18.

The liberal political organization called "Americans for Democratic Action" announced today that 129 prominent people from many fields of United States life had cabled the British Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, to praise his Government "for setting a new standard of democratic statesmanship in granting India independence." They said free men the world over would celebrate for centuries the events now being recorded in India.

Through democratic processes of compromise and mutual understanding (the organization said), steps were under way toward the solution of the infinitely complex political problems of that great sub-continent.

It said no one in reason could expect Indian freedom to emerge without great difficulty, yet the present beginning was a moral victory, almost without parallel, for the conscience of the democratic world.

Signatories

Signers included numerous members of Congress, labour leaders, churchmen, authors, actors, economists, scientists and professors.

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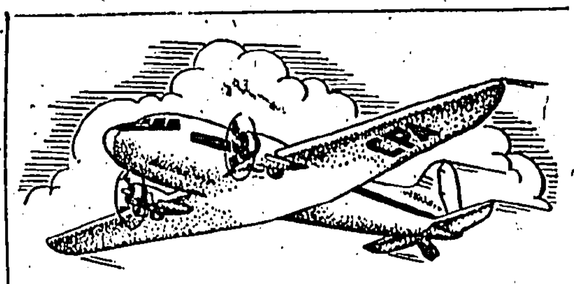

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BRITAIN'S BASIC ECONOMIC STRENGTH "IS A FACT"

London, June 18.

The Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, told a press conference today that despite grim aspects, such as decreasing dollar resources and an unfavourable trade balance, Britain's basic economic strength "is a fact of which we shall see increasing evidence as the months pass."

At the seventh of a series of news conferences on the economic situation, he said: "We are going to come safe and sound through the long test of our national fibre...the day will come when we shall smile to remember the moans of Jeremiah's abroad and the whines of faint hearts at home."

Mr. Morrison said there would continue to be short-term setbacks, but "the long term trend is in the right direction".

"The coal industry is on its feet, men and machines are coming forward and progress is in sight."

He cited the output of passenger and commercial vehicles as "one of the best indices of industrial strength". Production during May this year was an all-time record for the industry, with 14,301 vehicles produced, he said.

"I would like to call the attention of all those abroad who have been busy writing 'In Memoriam' notices for Britain to the very active condition of this industry!" Mr. Morrison said.

He would not comment on Mr. Bevin's talks with the French Government on the Marshall plan.

"There is, however, one point I must make. We must remember that solving our own production problems is not enough ....if Europe does not produce enough, we shall continue to suffer. We are more deeply involved in the world's economic problems that any other nation and we must play our part as leaders in finding a way to recovery".

It might be possible for Britain to export coal to Europe next year because "preoccupation with our own targets must never blind us to Europe's needs".

Exports for May totalled £89,700,000 and imports £153,200,000. The gap was slightly less than the previous month, which was "extremely serious and could not be allowed to continue", Mr. Morrison said. — United Press.

Overall Picture

In an overall review of Britain's economic position, he made the following points. Firstly, production in the coal industry was increasing. Secondly, unemployment was the lowest on record in peacetime conditions.

Thirdly, although British steel production was increasing, the maximum home production capacity was not enough to meet the unprecedented demands for reconstruction and reequipment, following the war.

Fourthly, the progress in increasing manpower in undermanned industries, such as iron-founding and cotton spinning, was slow.

Asked if there was an immediate threat of a cut in imports, Mr. Morrison said that the Government was considering the matter and a "decision will be given probably fairly soon." — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S MAY EXPORTS

London, June 18.

Britain last month exported £89,700,000 worth of goods, just under the monthly export total she had reached last January before the winter fuel crisis hit her industries, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, disclosed today at a press conference.

This, he said, was despite the Whitsun holiday. It represented over 100 per cent by volume of the British exports in the same month in 1938 and was about two and a quarter times their money value. But there was a long way to go yet.

The import figure of £153,200,000 for May was the highest in money value for any month since the war. It was double the 1938 equivalent in terms of money, although it represented only about three-quarters of the 1938 volume of imports.

The gap between imports and exports was a shade less than in the preceding month but still stood at £56,400,000.

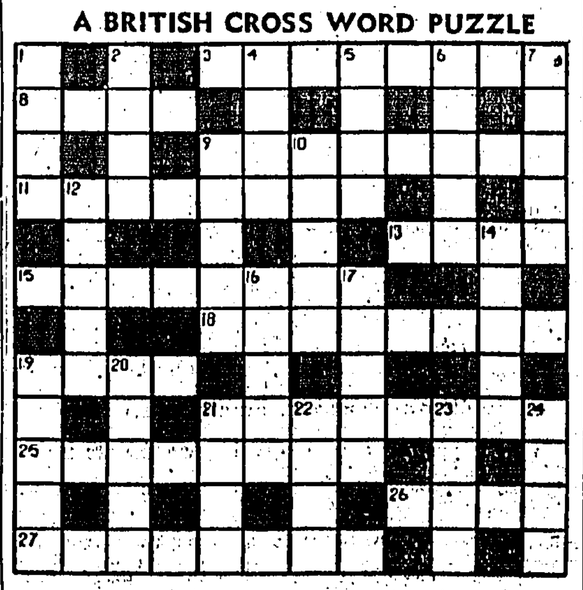
"Moans Of Jeremiahs"

Mr. Morrison declared that, on a sober assessment of the economic facts and prospects, Britain would come safely through "this long test of our national fibre."

"The day will come," he said, "when we shall smile to remember the moans of the Jeremiahs abroad and the whines of the faint hearts at home."

The basic economic strength of the country was a fact. An increasing evidence of that would be seen as the months went by, "even if we still have very awkward troubles to face."—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

3. Agreed.
8. Cure.
9. Silt.
11. Abstaining from alcohol.
13. Network.
15. Allied.
18. Planned.
19. Quantity of paper.
21. Apropos.
25. Made up.
26. Scheme.
27. Cruel.

Clues Down

1. Sharpen.
2. Peel.
4. Animal fat.
5. Sin.
6. Subject.
7. Trench.
9. Substantial.
10. Valleys.
12. Eat away.
14. Gloss.
16. Part of a staircase.
17. Plunged.
19. Happen again.
20. Own.
21. Brook.
22. Optical glass.
23. Clever.
24. Shade.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1 Suitor; 4 Spell; 7 Informal; 8 Loose; 9 Factor; 11 Singlet; 15 Glisten; 15 Trudge; 18 Brine; 19 Abridges; 20 Tall; 21 Mirage.

Down:—1 Stiff; 2 Trout; 3 Remorse; 4 Sullen; 5 Extolled; 6 Latent; 10 Critical 12 Interim; 13 Goblet; 14 Treaty; 16 Under; 17 Ensue.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

London, June 10.

The Special Royal Commission began its inquiry into the freedom of press in Britain today.

It met behind closed doors to hear recommendations from Political and Economical Planning (PEP), an independent fact-finding organization which published a survey of the British press nearly 10 years ago.—United Press.

H.K. Stock Exchange

The market was again quietly steady with selective buying in Watsons, Hotels, Ropes and Electrics.

Closing Rates 3.30 p.m.:—

H.K. Govt. Loans: 4% Loan 107½; 3½% Loan 103½.

Banks: H.K. & S. Bank 1016, 1006.50, (Lon. Reg.) £113½; Chartered Bank £123½; Mercantile Bank A. & B. £21½; Bank of East Asia 107.

Insurances: Canton Ins. 430; Union Ins. 760; China Underwriters 2½; H.K. Fire Ins. 310.

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Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.: H.K. & K. Wharves 256; H.K. Docks 31¾; 31¼, 30½ss; China Providents 22¾; 23ss; Shanghai Dockyards 17.

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Industrials: Canton Ices 7¾ss; Cements 23¼, 23½ss; H.K. Ropes 16, 16/16¾, 16¼ss.

Stores &c.: Dairy Farms (X.D.) 72; Watsons 46, 46/46½ss; Lane, Crawford 41½ss; Sincere 9.30ss; China Emporium (Converted) 13.20ss; Sun Co., Ltd. 6½ss; Wong Sang Hong 225ss; Wing On (H.K.) 45; Wm. Powell, Ltd. 5½ss.

Miscellaneous: China Entertainments 9.6; H.K. Constructions (Old) 8s, (New) 4½ss; Vibro Piling 6½ss; Marsman Investments 13/8s; Marsman (H.K.) 1/6s.

Cottons: Ewos 8½, 9½ss.

London Stock Market

London, June 18.

The Stock Exchange closed slightly irregular after a disappointing day, with giltedged turning lower as a result of small sales.

Industrials made the best showing with a number of small gains, although business was somewhat specialised.

Oils and commodity issues showed little change. The late move was a point gain in Hungarians on talk of a better internal situation. Kaffirs were firm at the end of the day.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, June 19.

Selling in the final hour erased most of the gains in leading stocks after the market had climbed to its best level of the week. Farm implement and rubber shares were best performers of the day. Rails enjoyed an afternoon flurry and showed fractional improvement as motors and steels slipped. Sales totalled 900,000 shares.

American Telephone established a new year's low in the wake of the announcement that its three per cent convertible bonds would be redeemed if not converted into stock by September 2. It slipped four points to close 152¼. Some foreign selling of shares was reported. Most active issue was probably Packard Motors, with total sales of 105,700 shares and ⅝ to a new low of five.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 61.70; 20 Industrials 174.94; 10 Utilities 34.13.

Closing quotations:—

Adams Express 15¼, Alaska Juneau 5½, American Can 93, American Smelting 54, American Telephone 152¼, American Tobacco 71½, American Waterworks 14½, Anaconda Copper 33½, Aviation Corporation 5¾, Baldwin Locomotive 18, Barnsdall 25⅞, Bendix Aviation 30⅝, Bethlehem Steel 82⅝, Boeing Aircraft 15¾, Borden Co. 40½, Canadian Pacific 11⅝, J. I. Case 35⅜, Chrysler 106⅞, Colgate 39⅝, Commercial Solvents 24, Corn Products 64⅝, Dupont 187, Eastman Kodak 43⅜, Electric Light & Power 14⅜, General Electric 35, General Motors 54, Goodrich 63⅜, Goodyear 44½, Greyhound 29⅝, Homestake Mining 47, International Harvester 87½, International Paper 44⅜, International Tel & Tel 11⅜, Johns Manville 42½, Kennecott Copper 43⅜, Montgomery Ward 57⅜, National Distillers 20⅝, National Lead 30⅝, New York Central 13⅝, Packard Motors 5, Pan-American Airways 10⅝, Pennsylvania RR 18⅝, Radio Corporation 8, Republic Steel 24⅝, Reynolds Tobacco 40¼, Schenley 27⅜, Sears Roebuck 37¼, Shell Oil 30⅛, Socony Vacuum 16, Southern Pacific 40⅛, Standard Brands 29½, Standard Oil of Calif. 57⅜, Standard Oil of N. J. 75¼, Union Bag 31½, Union Carbide 104, US Rubber 43⅝, US Steel 66½, US Lines 20, Westinghouse 28⅜, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 61⅝, General Public Utilities 13⅜.—Associated Press.

Hospital Sealed Off

Paris, June 18.

The police tonight recalled all nurses on vacation from Macon Hospital and sealed the building in which 17 women died mysteriously over a two-year period.

Commissioner Yves Bascou of the Surete National, who is in charge of the case, told newspapermen, "the strange deaths are, in truth, a case which would crack one's head." But he predicted that an arrest would be made within the week.

Seventeen women died after operations performed by four different doctors. They all showed the same symptoms—swollen faces and blackened lips and tongues.

Dr. Raymond Denis, the hospital's chief surgeon, said the first 12 deaths were not reported as unusual "because we wanted to be certain crime was being committed." — United Press.

Yugoslav Police Boat "Arrested"

Trieste, June 18.

Allied harbour police fired two machine-gun bursts across the bow of a Yugoslav police boat here today and took it and the crew into custody on charges of violating Anglo-American territorial waters.

The Yugoslav boat was the same which recently took into brief Yugoslav internment three American soldiers who inadvertently sailed their pleasure boat into Yugoslav waters.

Allied police and naval authorities said they also had sought the Yugoslav boat for some time as a piracy suspect because it allegedly prowled at night along the Venezia-Giulia and Italian coasts, stopping Italian fishermen and compelling them to pay for "protection". — United Press.

Bengal Railway Strike

Calcutta, June 18.

A flash strike by local locomotive staffs of the Bengal and Assam Railway today paralyzed the 2,000-mile railway and left hundreds of thousands of people stranded.

The strike projected the possibility that the Bengal Legislative Assembly meeting, scheduled for Friday to vote on partition of the province, might be postponed.

Workers walked out with no warning, in protest against the arrest last night of a Moslem locomotive employee who was accused of stabbing a Hindu. It was estimated that 60,000 commuters in Calcutta alone were affected.—United Press.

FRONTIER POST SHOT UP

Lake Success, N.Y. June 18.

Yugoslavia has asked the United Nations Security Council to make immediate inquiry into the machinegunning of a Yugoslav frontier post by two Greek airplanes.

Yugoslavia said the incident took place on June 13, when two planes circled over Yugoslav territory, machinegunned a frontier post and killed the commanding guard.

A soldier and a telephone operator were also wounded in the shooting, which the note termed a "new and flagrant violation of the integrity of Yugoslav territory by Greek military authorities."—United Press.

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CLAMOUR FROM NANKING

Renewal Of Bid For U.S. Loan

Withdrawal From Manchuria?

Shanghai, June 19.

Even drowning out the noise of the civil war reverses in Manchuria and North China, the last 24 hours have brought a new wave of National Government pleas, demands and claims, all of which appear to add up to a renewal of the bid for an American loan.

The tenor is one of desperation—"save use now or take the consequences."

The high policy-making Kuomintang Central Political Council drastically proposed withdrawing the National forces from Manchuria—reported from a closed door session.

It sounded like a warning to America to finance Chiang Kai-shek's China or let Manchuria pass into the zone of Red influence.

American observers in China admit it puts the United States in a tough position because they know that once they start financing Chiang's war it will be pretty hard ever to stop and will be plenty expensive.

Worse Off

They call attention to the fact that with the vast amount of American aid in material, airlifts and so forth since the Japanese war, Chiang if anything is worse off today then he was when the Japan war ended.

Party and government spokesmen in Nanking claimed ever louder that Soviet help lay behind both the Mongolian and Manchurian situations although there is still little proof of any direct help.

So far as Manchuria is concerned Chiang's critics have openly blamed his predicament on his own tactical blunders and inability to hold army morale up.

Loan Useless?

Many military observers view the present Red offensive as the same old pattern of a big scale raid to keep Chiang off balance.

Considering the overall political and economic condition of China, this attrition is obviously working, and many observers do not think it could be stopped by American loans since the Communists admit they are prepared to fight this way for years.—Associated Press.

Re-Examination Of Policy

Nanking, June 19.

The official Central Daily News said today that top Government officials will meet soon to re-examine China's internal and external policy, especially regarding the United States.

The paper said the United States is now actively assisting Greece and Turkey but showed no indications of extending the same policy to China. As a consequence China felt she has been abandoned. Under these circumstances, said the paper, there is need to review China's foreign relations with the United States.

The need has also arisen, continued the paper, for the Government to make a clear-out clarification of its internal policy with regard to the Communists because China can no longer endure the present uncertain situation.

The paper said Premier Chang Chun has been empowered to fix the date of the meeting which will be presided over by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.—United Press.

English Lessons Over ZBW

In response to many requests from Chinese Listeners, Government has decided to widen the scope of the local broadcasting station ZBW by the inclusion of English Lessons.

This represents a new departure in Hong Kong, as ZBW has never before entered the educational field.

The introduction of such a series presents many problems, which can only be surmounted by experience. Government, though realising the need for such breadcasts cannot, for instance, estimate in advance such factors as the average educational level of the listeners and the continuity of interest which they will display. The series projected will, therefore, be of a necessity experimental and it will greatly facilitate the planning of these programmes if the public will keep the Programme Secretary advised of any alterations which seem to them desirable.

It is intended that the series should commence in September. The transmissions will be over ZBW (medium wave station) and will at first be confined to the morning so that they can be utilised by local schools. If, however, these lessons prove popular with the listening public, an endeavour will be made to institute a similar series in the afternoon or evening and possibly to extend their duration.

Gave Up Their Seats To Ladies

In consequence of repeated complaints from the Tramway Company of passengers forcing themselves into trams despite warning by conductors that the vehicles were already crowded, the police took action on Wednesday when Sub-Inspector Dewar stopped a Kennedy Town-bound tram near No. 7 Police Station and arrested 16 Chinese passengers, nine standing on the upper deck, one near the stairway next to the driver and six at the rear portion of the third class.

They were all brought before Mr. K. Keen at Central yesterday charged with a breach of Tramway Regulation No. 4.

Two of the 10 standing passengers found in the first class were cautioned because they said that they had given up their seats to ladies, four were each fined $10, while the remaining two who failed to answer the charge had bail of $50 each estreated.

Four of the six standing passengers in the third class were each fined $5, while the other two, who said that they were about to alight when the police boarded the tram, were cautioned.

Stole Petrol From Lorry

The vigilance of Detective Leung Pui resulted in the appearance of Yuen Lok, broker and Kwan Yuk, military lorry driver, before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with the larceny of four and a half gallons of petrol on June 18.

Prosecuting, SI Walter Collins stated that at 6.35 a.m. on June 18, Detective Leung saw a military lorry (No. A3621) parked outside 43 Fa Yuen Street. Second defendant was sitting inside the cabin while the first accused was holding a rubber tubing and extracting petrol from the tank of the lorry.

First defendant was fined $250 (or three months' hard labour), while Kwan (who, according to SI Collins, would lose his employment) was mulcted in the sum of $100.

AGENCY NOT TO BE SUPPRESSED

London, June 18.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, rejected in the House of Commons today a demand by a Labour Member, Mr. Richard Stokes, for the suppression of the Jewish Agency in Palestine on the ground that the Jews had declared their intention to use force to impose illegal immigration on Palestine.—Reuter.

Condensed Milk "Famine"

As if by the wave of some magic wand, condensed milk has practically disappeared from the shelves of local shops overnight and users of this type of milk have been experiencing great difficulty in obtaining supplies, especially for infants.

Under the counter-sales are taking place and if one is in the know, the milk can be purchased at prices ranging from $1.30 to $1.50 a tin.

Enquiries made by the "China Mail" as to the cause of this sudden disappearance of condensed milk from the local market elicited the information that all available stocks are being bought up by travelling traders and exported to Singapore, where very favourable prices can be obtained.

Divorce Bill Law

At yesterday's session of Legislative Council, presided over by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, two Bills passed into law and one was read a first time.

The Bills passing into law were the Divorce (Validity) (Dalziel) Ordinance 1947, and the Companies Cessation of Emergency Status Ordinance 1947. Both Bills were introduced at last week's session of Council.

The new Bill, read a first time yesterday, was the Midwives Amendment Ordinance 1947, in respect of which the Attorney-General said the objects and reasons were fully explained in the Bill and it was not necessary for him to make further comments.

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary.

A resolution moved by the Attorney General to change the styles of "Government Chemist (Monopoly)" and "Assistant Government Chemist (Monopoly)" to "Government Chemist (Imports and Exports Department)" and "Assistant Government Chemist (Imports and Exports Department)" respectively, was approved by Council.

Council then adjourned to Thurday, July 3.

Money Market

Gold was steady yesterday, opening at $289.50 a tael and closing at $289. Fluctuations ranged between $287.75 and $290.50.

Piastres further weakened and dropped to $10.60 a 100 after opening at $10.95. At the close it was slightly better at $10.70.

There was also a drop in Chinese National Currency and rates closed at 11½ cents for futures and 17-3/4 cents for spot (for CN$1,000).

U.S. dollars continued to spurt and closed yesterday at $4.74. Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at $13.40 and $12.52 respectively.

Expensive Taxi Ride

Tam Hong, tailor, was riding in a taxi along Anchor Street at about 9.45 p.m. on June 18 when the cab was stopped by a party of E.U. constables, led by Police Sergeant M.A. Salleh.

A search of the taxi revealed the presence of a packet, containing two taels of raw opium, on the floor just beneath where Tam was sitting.

Failing to appear before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to answer a charge of possession, Tam had his bail of $500 estreated.

Li Sing, 36, shoemaker, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when SI Collins informed the Court that Inspector H.W. Fraser of the SCA was engaged in another Court. Li is charged with harbouring an 18-year-old girl, So Yau-ying, at 92F Shanghai Street, second floor, between May 16 and June 19, without the consent of So Lai-hing.

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Hsin Keng Ho (Wallem)	Ymt.
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Taishan Peak (Mackinnon M.)	S.S. Po
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Wuchang (B. & S.)	L.C.K.
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Nanking, June 19.

Owing to the suspension of passenger air service by CNAC between Kunming and Hanoi, all air mail letters posted in China for Indo-China will be taken by air to Hong Kong, thence by surface mail to their destinations, it was announced by the General Post Office in China today.—Central News.

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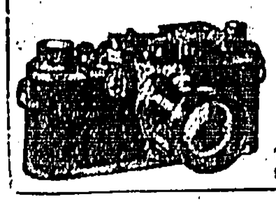

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RUSSIA AND THE MARSHALL PLAN

Conflicting Reports On M. Molotov's Reaction

Moscow Leaving Door Open?

Moscow, June 19.

Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov had expressed interest in being informed of developments in Gen. George C. Marshall's plan for European recovery, authoritative foreign diplomatic circles said yesterday. M. Molotov declined, however, to enter into formal talks on Britain's invitation—until the plan is clarified, informants said.

The feeling in foreign circles was that M. Molotov had not closed the door to eventual cooperation in the Marshall plan and might, if invited, join in the preparatory work after Britain and France had laid the groundwork.

This dispatch was filed before the British and French Foreign Ministers conference in Paris appealed to M. Molotov to confer with them next week.

The British Ambassador, Sir Maurice Drummond Peterson, had received instructions to ask M. Molotov's views on the Marshall plan. The French Charge d'Affaires, M. Pierre Albert Charpentier, received similar instructions from M. Georges Bidault.

Sir Maurice talked to M. Molotov last night and M. Charpentier conferred with Deputy Foreign Minister A.Y. Malik. Informants said Sir Maurice told M. Molotov that Britain regards the "prospects opened" by Gen Marshall as being "unique and a wonderful opportunity."

General Plan

The British Ambassador was understood to have added that he was convinced the American plan was simply a suggestion for a general European recovery plan and that Mr. Ernest Bevin was eager to co-operate. Sir Maurice continued to say that Mr. Bevin wished to know if M. Molotov had any specific views on the plan, according to the informants.

M. Molotov was said to have replied that he could not express any views on the Marshall plan on the basis of the litt'e information now available.

It was said that Sir Maurice asked if M. Molotov would like a British representative to come here to discuss it, or whether he would send a Russian representative to London. M. Molotov was represented as replying that any suggestion was premature as long as no hard and fast plan was in existence but that he would like to be informed of developments.

Might Accept

Foreign circles expressed the belief that M. Molotov had not closed the door to eventual Russian participation in the Marshall plan but wanted to see how Britain and France laid the groundwork. They expressed optimism that a formal invitation to Russia to join in some sort of preparatory commission might be accepted.

Sir Maurice originally had been instructed to take up the Hungarian situation with M. Molotov but instructions from London caused him to raise also the Marshall plan during the British and French talks in Paris.

The conferences here and in Paris coincided with the visit to Moscow of Mr. Gunnar Myrdal, Secretary-General of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, which is to be integrated with the American proposal.

Mr. Myrdal said his visit had been arranged long before Gen. Marshall announced his plan and that he was merely making diplomatic calls like those he made previously in London and Paris.

There seemed to be no doubt, however, that the Marshall plan would be discussed during his talks here. Those with whom Mr. Myrdal talked said he would like to have the Marshall plan referred to his commission but that instead the plan might be fitted in with the European Economic Commission and the United Nations as a whole.

Sir Maurice has forwarded a long report to London on his talk with M. Molotov and M. Charpentier also reported to Paris.—United Press.

Bevin Home

London, June 19.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, looked weary as he stepped from his chartered plane here today following his Paris conferences on the Marshall plan for economic aid to Europe. He told reporters "I have nothing to say. I'm in a hurry."

Mr. Bevin is also expected to inform the Cabinet on the Russian response to the initial British approach to the Kremlin on the subject of European consultations on the Marshall plan.

The views of Foreign Minister Molotov on these proposed consultations—and on the renewed British protests over the Hungarian situation—were received at the Foreign Office last night. Mr. Bevin is expected to make both public in the House of Commons foreign affairs debate this afternoon.

Still Suspicious

Meanwhile, a Tass dispatch broadcast from Moscow radio today heightened the impression that the Soviet still regard the Marshall plan with suspicion despite earlier reports here that Molotov would accept an Anglo-French invitation for European Big Three consultations.

A dispatch from the Tass Paris correspondent said yesterday's Anglo-French talks in Paris were not aimed at cooperation among all European powers and were "an attempt to reach agreement behind the back of the Soviet Union and other European countries."—United Press.

WORLD CENTRE FOR STUDENTS

London, June 19.

A world centre for students of all races and nationalities which will be bigger than the Rockefeller International House in New York and the Cite Universitaire in Paris has been planned for London, the Associated Press learned Wednesday.

It will be on a site of nearly 10 acres in area at Croydon, in the southern outskirts of London, will cost £1,000,000 sterling and will be a home and social centre for 3,000 students from all over the world while they concentrate on their specialised studies.—Associated Press.

Royal Romance At Royal Ascot

London, June 19.

The tall, blond young man looked across the enclosure, a yellow flower in the button hole of his morning suit. The girl in the pretty frock smiled back at him, her gloved fingers pressing a petal of the flower back into place.

Around them people beamed and exchanged knowing looks. June and Ascot and love seem to go together.

Yet this was no simple boy and girl romance. And everyone felt they were privileged spectators at one of the rare public indications of the warm affection between Princess Elizabeth and her handsome cousin, Lieutenant Phillip Mountbatten.

Love is a complicated matter when the succession to an empire is involved. The clerk and his girl friend walk about hand in hand, kiss in the park and usually have no more serious obstacle to marriage than finances or where to live.

Princess Elizabeth, as Heir Presumptive to the throne of England, has plenty of money and her choice of castles and mansions. But her choice of a husband has first to meet the approval of her father, then that of the Privy Council and unofficially that of the Dominions overseas.

Clear Choice

Theoretically, she can marry any Protestant in the world including an American. Actually the list of acceptables is small—a few British and Scottish peers and two or three European princelings.

Before the Royal Family left on their tour of South Africa, Princess Elizabeth's choice was clearly Lieutenant Mountbatten. Formerly Prince Phillip of Greece, the only objections found against him were Left Wing criticisms that his selection would tend to imply British support for the Greek monarchy. This was adroitly removed when Phillip became a naturalised Briton, dropping his name and taking the name of his uncle, Viscount Mountbatten of Burma.

But King George suggested that any pronouncement be withheld for what Palace wags called "a cooling off period." He was said to have pointed out that at Elizabeth's age—she is just 21—six months of waiting would make no difference and the couple would better be able to decide whether it was real love.

"Cooling Off" Period

So the romance has been soft-pedalled in court circles since then. Before the trip to South Africa Phillip would occasionally take Elizabeth dancing at night clubs, particularly the swank Bagatelle where they could rhumba, samba and tango to the Latin-American rhythms they both enjoy.

Bandleader Edmundo Ros always knew when Elizabeth was there for up to the bandstand would come a string of requests in a strong hand for "Rum and Coke," "Brazil," "Maria-Lo-O" and "Amor, Amor."

"Even if she weren't a princess," said Edmundo between the rattles of a maraccas, "she would still be a wonderful rhumba dancer." But Phillip and Elizabeth have not been out together at a club since the return from South Africa.

Phillip still sees her, of course. He was one of the guests at Queen Mother Mary's birthday party. He still stays occasionally at Buckingham Palace or Windsor Castle as he has been doing for years.

But as far as the public is concerned they are observing the cooling off period. Not since Pamela Mountbatten's marriage last year when newsreels showed Phillip helping Elizabeth off with her coat and otherwise hovering solicitously about has there been anything as close as Ascot.

Love, they say, laughs even at kings.—United Press.

SPLIT IN TRAVANCORE

New Delhi, June 18.

Patton Thanu Pillai, President of Travancore State People's Congress, said today that he would start an immediate civil disobedience movement in an effort to compel the State to join the Constituent Assembly.

The Maharajah of Travancore has announced that the State will become independent when India is split. Pillai said he had discussed disobedience plans with Congress leaders and predicted that a referendum would overwhelmingly oppose independence.—United Press.

STATEMENT ON HOUSING POSITION

(Continued from Page 1)

to house the maximum number of Government families in Government quarters and thus relieve the pressure on private accommodation.

Conscious Of Obligations

"In spite of these baffling shortages of material, one or two building schemes (including one of 250 houses) are under discussion with private companies. Government will do all possible to help the rapid establishment of these schemes if they prove practicable and to further any other project which seems likely to alleviate the present deplorable situation. A small housing scheme for 17 residences has recently been approved.

"Government is deeply conscious of its obligations to the citizens of this Colony in the present prolonged housing crisis. Although the general position may be held to have improved somewhat over the last year it is more evident now than twelve months ago that no quick solution is more likely here than it is in other parts of the world.

"Housing is and for the past year has been this Colony's number one problem. It is hoped that Council will appreciate that the fact that no satisfactory solution has yet been found is not due to lack of effort. Honourable Members can rest assured that these efforts will not slacken in the months to come."

Another Washbrook Century

London, June 18.

Close of play scores in first-class cricket games which began today were:

At Oxford: Middlesex 175 (Robinson two for seven); Oxford University 172 for two (Keighley not out 84, Pawson 72).

At Harrogate: Yorkshire 74 for five; Gentlemen of Ireland to bat.

At Guildford: Sussex 138 for three (John Langridge 64); Surrey to bat.

At Nottingham: Kent 130 (Jepson seven for 50); Notts 90 for two.

At Ilkeston: Derbyshire 131 for two (Worthington not out 53, Elliott not out 49); Leicestershire to bat.

At Southampton: Hampshire 364 for five (Arnold 188); Northamptonshire to bat.

At Worcester: Worcestershire 172 (Lambert three for 15); Gloucestershire 148 for seven (Allen 57).

At Manchester: Lancashire 270 for five (Washbrook 103, Place 90) Cambridge University to bat.

Matches throughout the country were interfered by rain.—Reuter.

Hong Kong Badminton Champion To Tour World

Nanking, June 19.

Mr. K.W. Chey, 1947 Shanghai triple badminton champion and now rated as China's No. 1 badminton star, told Central News today that he will be leaving for a tour of the United States and Europe on July 4.

Mr. Chey came to Nanking to call on Minister of Education Dr. Chu Chia-hua and Vice Minister Dr. Han Li-wu to arrange for facilities to play for China on his forthcoming world trip. He said that he would first return for a short visit to his home town in Ipoh, Perak, Malaya, where he has not been for eight years. He hopes to be in London by next summer in time for the Olympic games.

Mr. Chey is now the holder of three singles championships—Shanghai (1947) Hong Kong (1940) and Perak, Malaya (1940).—Central News.

K.B.G.C. BOWLS TEAMS

The following will represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" in their postponed first round game of the Club Knock-out Lawn Bowls competition against Craigengower Cricket Club "B" on Saturday at Kowloon Cricket Club at 4 p.m.:—

V.C. Dixon, F.H. Wilkinson, J.M. Dinnen and R. Duncan (skip).

J.C. Robinson, J.G. Redden, L.R. Whant and J. Hempsey (skip).

H.A. Lammert, E. Greenwood, K.C. Hamilton and F.A. Cheeseman (skip).

C.C.C. Teams

The following will represent C.C.C. "B" against K.B.G.C. "B" on Saturday at the K.C.C. at 4 p.m.

S.R. Solina, Lee Sui Wing, A.J. Coelho and Dr. C.W. Lam (Skip).

L.M. da Roza, E.S. Franks, M.A.R. Souza and M.J. Medina (Skip).

F.X. Delgado, D.A. Rozario, M.A. Baptista and A.H. Rumjahn (Skip).

Woods will be provided if needed.

Those unable to play to advise Convener immediately.

OUTSIDER WINS THE ROYAL HUNT CUP

Ascot, June 18.

Rain, soft but persistent, did its best to spoil the second day of the Royal Ascot meeting and yesterday's fashions gave way to overcoats and umbrellas.

The dismal conditions for racegoers were not improved by the results, backers suffering many severe shocks, with the chief prize of the day, the Royal Hunt Cup, falling to the 25-to-one outsider Master Vote, owned and trained by Mr. Harry Blagrave.

Master Vote, a four-year-old, son of Atout Maitre, was splendidly ridden by apprentice Tommy Sidebotham, who was making the most of a favourable draw on the extreme outside of the field. He had the race in safe keeping a furlong from home, although Lord Ellesmere's northern hope, Whitehall, starting at 100-to-seven, also well drawn, made a determined challenge close home.

The minor berth fell to 33-to-one Admiral's Yarn. All three were four-year-olds and all were drawn on the far side of the course, from which the Hunt Cup winners usually come.

Djerid's Win

It was another bad day for supporters of French horses, although M. Marcel Boussac's colt Djerid credited France with a victory in the Chesham Stakes run over five furlongs.

This son of Djebel was not expected to beat the Aga Khan's Eboo, which started a warm favourite, but the French colt—starting at ten to one—found his sternest challenger in Mr. John Dewar's Phaetonia, which ran the winner to a length. Eboo was not placed, nor was the Gaekwar of Baroda's expensive 16,000 guinea purchase Star of Gujrath.

With the success of Djerid, the French hoped his half-sister, Sjama, would carry off the Coronation Stakes over a mile. Although a short-priced favourite, she was never in the race, the winner being an unconsidered outsider, Saucy Sal.—Reuter.

Gold Cup

Ascot, June 19.

The Gold Cup was won today by Souverain, with Chanteur second and Field Day third.

The betting was 6 to 4 on Souverain, 11 to 10 on Chanteur and 20 to 1 on Field Day. Souverain won by four lengths with three lengths between the second and third. There were six runners.

Souverain, by Maravedis out of Jolie Reine, is owned by Mr. F.R. Schmitt of France and is trained by H. Delevaud in France.

Scarlet Emperor jumped off in front of Trimbush and, passing the stands for the first time, Scarlet Emperor led from Trimbush, Pirette, Chanteur and Souverain with Field Day last. At half way, Scarlet Emperor was 20 lengths clear of Trimbush who was followed by Pirette.

Chanteur and Souverain moved up when approaching the straight and entering the straight Chanteur had taken the lead from Scarlet Emperor, the pair being followed by Pirette and Souverain.

Strong Finish

The winner moved up to Chanteur and took the lead three furlongs from the finish with Field Day next. Souverain galloped on strongly to win comfortably the richest prize of the Ascot meeting, worth over £11,000.

Trimbush was fourth, Pirette fifth and Scarlet Emperor last. Souverain's time for the 2½ miles was four minutes and 31.3/5 seconds.—Reuter.

W.C. Choy Out

London, June 19.

The Indian players Sumant Misra and Man Mohan have reached the fourth round of the Men's Singles in the London Lawn Tennis championships, continued at Queen's Club, London, today but Bose and K. Ahmed have been eliminated.

Misra beat his fellow countryman Bose by 11-9, 4-6 and 6-1. Manmohan beat Rober Abdesselap of France by 6-4 and 6-4, and Ahmed was beaten by the Swedish Davis Cup player Torsten Johansson by 6-3, 4-6 and 6-4.

W. C. Choy of China was defeated in the third round. He lost to the Australian Colin by 6-1, 1-6 and 6-3.—Reuter.

Americans Win

Queen's Club, June 19.

The Americans Margaret Osborne and Louise Brough moved into the semi-finals today with another pair of straight set victories.

Miss Osborne beat British Miss Jean Quartier 6-0, 6-2 and Miss Brough beat Australian Mrs. Nellie Hopman 6-2, 6-2.

The 24-year-old New Zealand champion, Ronald McKenzie, was twice within a point of throwing Wimbledon's eighth seed, Bob Falkenburg, out of the London grass court championships.

McKenzie produced fine passing shots to give him a five-four lead and match point in the third set. Falkenburg put all he knew into his service and scraped out with superior overheads by 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Argentine Enrique Morea beat French Ch. Grandet 6-0, 13-11.—United Press.

Sing Tao Win Again

Singapore, June 18.

The Sing Tao football team today beat the Singapore Civilians by five goals to three, after sharing two goals at the interval.

Singapore had more of the play but the visitors showed uncanny accuracy in front of the goal-mouth and fully deserved to win.

Level at one-all half time, Sing Tao scored three more goals in the first eight minutes of the second period.

Goalscorers for Sing Tao were:—Fung King-cheung, Lau Chung-sang (two goals each) and Chui Wing-keung—Reuter.

The Babe Turns Clown

Edinburgh, June 18.

Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias fulfilled a promise to Tommy Armour today when she played golf over his home course of Lothianburn, near Edinburgh.

Babe clowned her way through an exhibition match with three local Scotswomen. She greeted the gallery of 400 with "Hiya everybody!" then sliced drives into the rough on the first four holes, saying, "I guess there must be a bottle of Scotch over there!"

Babe promised Armour, her tutor, that she would play Lothianburn while in Scotland. The Club presented her with a Scottish Cairngorm brooch and bracelet.—United Press.

Tientsin Breathes Again

Tientsin, June 19.

Following the arrival of considerable reinforcements, including an armoured car unit, tension has eased here and from tonight the curfew will be relaxed to start from 11.00 p.m. instead of 9.00 p.m.

Nationalist forces are reported to be making good headway in their counter-drive from Tientsin southward. Latest despatches received here state that the Government column advancing along the Tientsin-Pukow railway is approaching Tangkuantun, 30 miles southward of Tientsin, and another pushing along the Tientsin-Yenshan highway has reached the north bank of the Chienho River.

However, the 50-mile stretch on the Tientsin-Pukow line between Chinghai and Tsinghsien, respectively 30 and 80 miles south of here, remains in Communist hands.

A high military official today claimed that Nationalist troops using Chinghai as a base, are at present clearing the Communists on either side of the Tientsin-Pukow railway. Meanwhile, a sizeable Communist force is reported to be massing around Lutai, 85 miles eastward of Tientsin.—Reuter.

22 CANE STROKES

"There were the marks of 22 cane strokes around this boy's head, arms and back," said Mr. Fraser pointing to a small, delicately built boy of ten when he appeared before Mr. Keen at Central yesterday in the case of Fan Fuk Cheung, charged with inflicting bodily harm on Fan Wah by hitting him with a cane.

Defendant—told His Worship that the boy had stolen his cigarette lighter and would not give it back to him so he had struck the boy several times in an attempt to make him tell where he had put the article.

Mr. Keen, said defendant must have lost his self control completely to cane the boy so cruelly for such a slight offence. Taking into consideration defendant's previous good character His Worship bound him over in a bond of $100 for 12 months.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Popular Piano Parade.
12.47 p.m.—A few Dance Favourites.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Variety.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—STUDIO: CHILDRENS HALF-HOUR.
6.30 p.m.—"Moods in Music."
6.50 p.m.—Studio: "Bee Tee" on Sport.
7.00 p.m.—Studio: "You Asked For It" —Variety Request Programme presented by Lynn Fraser.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Serenade to the Stars."
8.30 p.m.—Studio: "The Tell-Tale Heart" —A short story by Edgar Allen Poe, and read by David Perkin. Incidental music.
8.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
9.00 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "The Battle of Arnhem".
9.30 p.m.—Interlude.
9.35 p.m.—Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana." Principals, Chorus and Orchestra from La Scala, Opera Milan. (1st Part).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.11 p.m.—Continuation of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and Conclusion.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

American Baseball

New York, June 18.

Pitcher Cooper paced the Giants' attack to trounce Pirates 12-5 at Pittsburgh, when he hit a home run with two aboard in the fourth.

Rookie catcher Hodges set the pace with his first Major League homer in the seventh helping Dodgers to defeat Cubs 5-3 at Chicago.

Today's scores were:—

National League

	R.	H.	E.
New York Giants	12	20	0
Pittsburgh Pirates	5	6	1
Giants: p. Jansen; c. Cooper. Pirates: p. Ostermueller, Singleton, Strincevich, Wolfe; c. Jarvis.			
Brooklyn Dodgers	5	6	0
Chicago Cubs	3	7	2
Dodgers: p. Barney, Hatten, Casey; c. Hodges. Cubs: p. Torowy, Kush; c. Scheffing.			

White Sox at New York, Tigers at Philadelphia were rained out, Indians at Washington, Browns at Boston, Phillies at St. Louis and Braves at Cincinnati were scheduled at night.—United Press.

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